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West Main Street residents show their support for a united Canada

Photo by Jennifer Bacon

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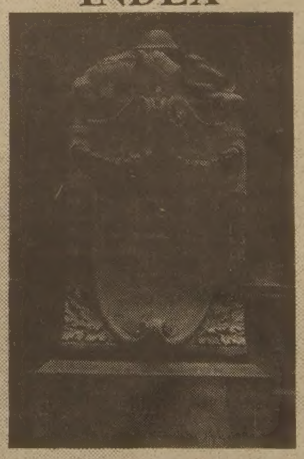

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Quebec stays after close vote Oct. 30

By JENNIFER BACON
and WILL WEBSTER
Staff Writers

Months of "frantic" debate reached an anti-climax on Oct. 30 when Quebecers voted 50.6 per cent to 49.4 per cent to reject sovereignty and remain in Canada.

"I was proud to be Canadian last Friday," said Dan Chiasson, who went to Montreal last week to participate in the "Non" rally. Chiasson, 17, attends Welland's Eastdale Secondary School.

"I went because I wanted to see my country stay together. I was trying to persuade the undecided voters. (I wanted) to honestly say, 'I tried to make a difference.'"

More than 4.7 million Quebecers voted in the referendum, 92 per cent of those eligible.

Chiasson said the atmosphere in Montreal was loud and the Quebecers treated him like a "brother."

"I would like to see Quebec stay with Canada. We (Canada) are seen as a peaceful country. If Quebec leaves, it might change the world's view of us."

Brenda Poirier, a St. Hyacinthe, Que., resident who observed some of the demonstrations by Canadians, said she was moved by the show of emotion from the rest of the country.

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Campbell emphasizes job skills in speech

By JENNIFER MITCHELL
Staff Writer

The important job skills for the future will be "critical thinking, problem-solving, team building, personal effectiveness and presentation ability."

Colin Campbell, author of *Where the Jobs Are* , delivered this message at the In the Loop Conference held Oct. 21.

Multi-job careers are reality, he said. Pointing to the one million people permanently laid-off since the 1980s he said career changes will occur in 40 per cent of people's lives. In the last five years, the figure has risen 45 per cent.

These figures reflect the "entire societal structure change." Schools are changing to reflect these trends, with more post-diploma courses being offered at the college level and more practical applications occuring at the university level he said.

"The survival rate of colleges and universities is directly reflected by their placement rates," said Campbell.

Manufacturing jobs are on a decline, while community, business and personal service careers are increasing. Future trends for employment forecast an increase in part-time work. Small business openings will increase and more home businesses will open up.

Campbell said a manager's career originally focused on being a specialist (an expert in at least one field). Now it is important to be connected (a team player), to be self-reliant, and a generalist (skilled in a variety of disciplines). In the future, jobs will be for people who can integrate.

He said generalists will realize more job security, while specialists must make sure they are "better than the best." He also stated individuals are more employable if they can move laterally in their specialized field.

Campbell mentioned "networks and networking" as an important aspect to job searching. "There will be a cement ceiling for those without networks," he said.

"Many jobs in the future will reflect the general progression of the baby boomer's life. Boomers will have the money to purchase the services and the goods," said Campbell.

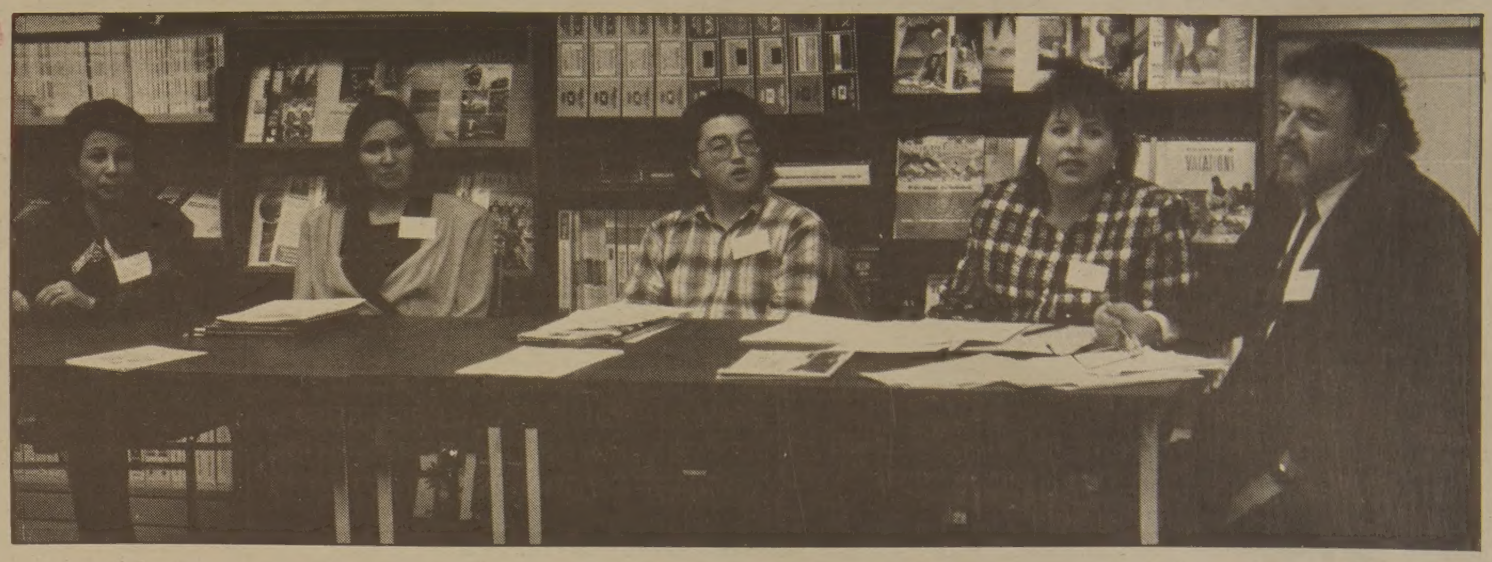
These jobs will include health care, exports, telecommunications, computers and software, instrumentation (all those chips inside your microwave and car), the environment and entrepreneurship.

He closed his speech by emphasizing that "colleges will be important as training will always have to be updated. To stop learning is to become progressively unemployable."

FIRST NATIONS

Conference addresses aboriginal education

By JENNIFER MITCHELL
Staff Writer



At left, Jackie Labonte, Luanne Hill-MacDonald, Tim Thompson, Wendy Johnson-Martin and Bryan Laforme present the native issues at the In the Loop Conference on Oct. 21.
Photo by Jennifer Mitchell

Traditional perspectives are an important aspect of aboriginal education.

Wendy Johnson-Martin, Aboriginal Education Management Circle (AEMC) manager at Niagara College in Welland, outlined the present and future of aboriginal education at a seminar on Oct. 21.

Tim Thompson, a policy analyst for the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres, says education is actually "life's journey of learning" and for the aboriginal, the foundation of learning should be in understanding the spiritual connection between oneself and the natural world.

'The best education and guidance comes from the elders and their experiences.' —Thompson

It must be understood natives come from a different social structure, he told the seminar. "Very often the best education and guidance comes from the elders and their experiences."

Thompson says the future of aboriginal education should be "the incorporation of aboriginal ceremonies into the classroom. Also needed are programs that recognize ideas from the native point of view." This point of view has its basis in emphasizing partnership with the natural world, he says.

Thompson suggests making the native way of life relevant to skills and professions in the world as a challenge for the future.

Both speakers made their comments at the second annual In The Loop Conference held at the Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls on Oct. 21. The conference was open to members of the college's 56 advisory committees. A number of workshops and seminars were held dealing with a wide range of educational issues.

The Aboriginal Education and Training Strategy began in 1990-91. Its focus was on changing the Ontario post-secondary educational system to reflect an increase in sensitivity and awareness of institutions to native ideals and situations.

This would be achieved through an increase in the degree of aboriginal decision making at the college level, and an increase in aboriginal teachers and professors at every school level.

'Also needed are programs that recognize ideas from the native point of view.' —Thompson

An important strategy in the meantime is to draw more students into, and graduate more students from, all programs. All this helps to increase skills in the native community.

Luanne Hill-MacDonald, policy analyst for the Aboriginal Education and Training Strategy and representative for Six Nations near Brantford, says 22 colleges are developing and administering aboriginal programs with the aid of a $5.7 million grant.

For an institution to receive the grant, they must continue the programs after the money is spent. Some special projects in development are elder-in-resident programs, field workers and outreach counsellors.

The Aboriginal Institutes Consortium is intent on encouraging schools to develop the accreditation of their own programs.

Jackie Labonte, program director of the Niagara Regional Native Centre, supports native and non-native community partnerships.

She says with the crossover of cultures both sides benefit. She would like to see "more natives drawn from the reserves."

"Our young aboriginals need confirmation of their culture," says Labonte, adding schools must commit to continuing native education.

Bryan Laforme, vice-chair of the AEMC at Niagara College, says "we have to make a commitment to look after the generations that follow us."

By 2000, he says he hopes many native components will be in the educational system. High recruitment, retention and graduation of many native students are his goals.

SAC gives ASC non-official membership

By LYN DUNLAP
Staff Writer

Computers and social activities were two areas discussed Oct. 26 at Niagara College's Aboriginal Student Council (ASC) meeting.

Tareen Shkuratoff, aboriginal student representative, says, "SAC (Student Administrative Council) is really supportive of us and is looking forward to working together and being part of a working team."

SAC invited Shkuratoff to be a non-official member of its organization. She is unable to vote on motions but can speak and provide suggestions.

The arrangement results from the late formation of the ASC.

For the newly created seat to have voting rights, Shkuratoff was told by SAC the position would have to be open to all students in an election.

Wendy Johnson-Martin, aboriginal education access office manager, although absent from the meeting, brought to the students' attention the proposal of a social activity, perhaps during December.

It would allow everyone to meet and welcome the newly formed student council.

The ASC decided computers in the Aboriginal Lounge are for aboriginal students' use. Non-aboriginals wishing to use a computer must be accompanied by an aboriginal student, but native students have priority on the systems.

Registration for Native workshops begins

By LYN DUNLAP
Staff Writer

Native cultural workshops will begin this month at Niagara College.

The first Aboriginal Student Council meeting, held Oct. 4, proposed the idea.

Native crafts is the first project. It will operate for four weeks on Thursdays in the Aboriginal Lounge (Room S104-A) at the Welland campus from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The workshop was organized by council sub-committee members Gilbert Henry, Ron Franchetti, Margaret Okimaw and Delores Gull.

Registration is open to students and teachers. Those interested are asked to notify personnel in the Aboriginal Lounge before Nov. 16. The class begins Nov. 23 with instructor Ron Franchetti. It has yet to be determined if there will be a materials fee.

Quebec stays but negotiation needed after vote

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Despite this, she said she voted "Oui" to "stir things up."

She said she hopes the close result will wake the country up and positive changes will result.

"I don't think we lost," she said in a telephone interview from her home on Oct. 30. "Yesterday (Oct. 29), I didn't know what to vote."

Poirier said Lucien Bouchard, leader of the Bloc Quebecois, had a personal agenda in the referendum.

"I hope it's over. I voted for change."

Poirier's brother, Marc, 20, a former Ontario resident, who didn't vote in the referendum, told Niagara News the atmosphere in Quebec has been "frantic." Speaking in French, he said people have been verbally assaulting each other for months.

Poirier said he doesn't trust government and hopes the rest of Canada won't laugh at Quebec because the "Oui" vote didn't win.

Quebec should stop being so hard-headed and get going to work together instead of always trying to do things apart from the rest of the country, he said.

Normand Beaulier, 45, a lifelong Quebecer, voted "Non" because he has never had confidence in "(Quebec Premier Jacques) Parizeau and his gang."

He said there will have to be some negotiating because 50 per cent is not a true victory for the "Non."

It's not over, said Beaulier, the talks are going to continue.

Time for change

Niagara College Board of Governors undergoes a transformation

By TERESA ARMSTRONG
Staff Writer

Niagara College Board of Governors approved a number of changes to the structure of the board on Oct. 12.

The changes, including composition, regulation and meeting schedules, were developed by the executive committee.

The board okayed the combining of the member selection committee and the nominating committee. The new committee will be responsible for the recruiting, selecting and nominating of potential board members as well as the selection of executive officers for the coming year. These officers include the chair and vice-chair of the board, and the individual chairs of each board committee. Their selection is done in the spring of each year.

The board has also put in place a permanent regulation to review and reappoint the liaison member with the Niagara College Foundation. This reappointment will occur on an annual basis. The current foundation liaison member is Ian Mole, chair of the fundraising committee of the board.

Another meeting has been added on the third Thursday of every other month. This meeting will accommodate program reviews, visioning activities and other presentations to the board for information. Regular board meetings are scheduled on the second Thursday of every month.

The board decided to remain with the previous committee model, which includes two standing committees, academic and administrative affairs, where all board members must sit. This committee model includes ad hoc committees, temporary committees formed as special needs arise. A recently formed ad hoc committee is the presidential search committee, a temporary committee initiated to recruit a new college president.

The decision was made to remain with the existing model rather than change to a model which proposed six new committees designed for specific tasks, which could result in several more meetings each month.

Provisions relating to the composition and appointment of board members, board meetings, the appointment of the college president, and the responsibilities of the board of governors are outlined in Regulation 770 of the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities Act.

SAC bits

BY WILL WEBSTER
Staff Writer

• Niagara College's Student Administrative Council (SAC) is anticipating a $50,000 surplus this year.

Paula Dempsey, SAC'S vice-president executive, made the announcement at the Oct. 24 meeting. The sum originates from increased enrolment, higher activity fees and higher revenues at After Hours, she said.

SAC voted to use some of the funds, $7,000 for programming and $10,000 for special events.

• The SAC mascot, a big grey beast with a Knights' helmet and sword, is missing. It was last seen in public when the Butt Monkeys used it during their lunch hour performance at After Hours on Sept. 28.

"I was looking for it the other night and it was gone," said Scott Verhoeven, vice-president social affairs.

He has been entertaining design ideas and is considering the cost of replacing the costume. The lowest quote he received is $26,000, the highest is $45,000.

• SAC has allocated $6,512.84 toward the purchase of shirts, hats, key chains, travel mugs and other items to be given away as promotional items at After Hours and student events.

• Still no decision on how SAC will support the White Ribbon Campaign, a national promotional campaign aimed at stopping violence against women. Some ideas include "anti-violence against women" movies, raising the price of beer by 15 cents and donating the proceeds to Women's Place, and a T-shirt raffle.

• SAC will soon publish a newsletter about SAC events. About 2,000 copies are expected to be distributed this month. SAC decided to print only 2,000, but will print more if needed.

Party with Santa

By LAURY REID
Staff Writer

Get your wish lists ready boys and girls, 'cause Santa Clause is coming to town.

Niagara College's annual Children's Christmas Party will be on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Welland campus cafeteria, Black Walnut building. Relatives and children of college staff are welcome.

There will be entertainment and refreshments, and Santa will be available for the children.

A mitten tree is this year's theme. Guests are asked to bring mittens, hats and scarves to help decorate the tree.

A bake sale, to fund the party, will be held on Monday, Nov. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Tecumseh building.

The Christmas Party Planning Committee is asking for your help by donating baked goods to Cathy Ashby, accounting clerk in Hennepin Hall, H7, or Pat Clay, secretary of David Schleich, vice-president, academics, in the Simcoe Building, S210, the day before or morning of the bake sale.

The committee also needs raffle items to be raffled at the Christmas party.

"All proceeds from the raffle and the hats and mittens will be donated to Women's Place," said Ashby.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the day of the party, to wrap gifts, to hand out presents, and to help clean up after the party.

Staff is reminded to fill out and return the party reply form and include the $10 cost a child, which covers the party and gift, no later than Nov. 15, making cheques payable to Niagara College.

For more information contact: Cathy Ashby, Ext. 7545, Nancy Avolio, Ext. 7588, Pat Clay, Ext. 7705, Nancy Marcov, Ext. 7556, Wendy Nicholls, Ext. 7570, or Jan Potton, Ext. 7604.

Unique grant for Niagara College

Niagara College received a grant of $960 from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME). At left are George Rowbottom, Industrial Engineering Technician-Quality Control program co-ordinator, Dominic DiSanto, chair of Chapter 65 of SME, Hans van der Slagt, college vice-president, administration, Alan Munro, Manufacturing Engineering Technology program co-ordinator, college President John Saso, Anthony Backler, college's director of special projects, and David Schleich, college vice-president, academics.

Photo by Bob Giles

By BOB GILES
Staff Writer

Niagara College recently received a unique grant from a manufacturing group based in Dearborn, Mich.

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) Education Foundation has awarded Niagara $960 for one SME Library Award.

The 1994-95 award is for curriculum development.

Dominic DiSanto, manager of facilities and environment at Hayes-Dana Inc., of St. Catharines, is chairman of SME Chapter 65. He was at the college to present the cheque to college President John Saso on Oct. 4.

Niagara College is one of 121 universities, colleges and technical institutions in the U.S. and Canada which received equipment and software grants for 1995. The schools shared part of $481,533 in cash and nearly $13 million for technical equipment.

The equipment includes CAD/CAM software, milling machines, lathes and robots. All are donated by companies that support the goals of the SME.

"Engineering is a well-kept secret at the college," said Alan Munro, program co-ordinator in the Manufacturing Engineering Technology Division at Niagara College.

Munro said not many people know about the program and he would like to see more students enrolled. He said there is a 95 per cent employment rate after graduation because of a demand for engineers.

"If you have ever watched Star Trek, then you can see that engineering is the way of the future," said Munro. "Mr. Scott and Jordie LaForge are not the only engineers on the ship, everybody in engineering is an engineer, Scotty and Jordie are just the chiefs. Even captains Kirk and Picard had to study engineering."

SME Education Foundation was created in 1979 to promote manufacturing engineering subjects in colleges and universities through the granting of various awards and programs. Since then, it has granted $6.3 million in cash and more than $44.2 million in equipment and software to 338 colleges and universities.

"During these times of government cutbacks, the SME Education Foundation is pleased to increase support to technical colleges and universities to provide hands-on training to students," SME President Earl Walker of St. Louis, Mo., stated in a press release. "We are proud of our accomplishments and will continue to promote manufacturing engineering as an educational discipline."

"These grants are making a vital difference in strengthening manufacturing engineering education programs. Their impact is even greater in these times of state and federal cutbacks."

Founded in 1932, the SME has sponsored 300 chapters, districts, regions and 240 student chapters worldwide.

The SME is an international professional society dedicated to serving its members and the manufacturing community through the advancement of professionalism, knowledge and learning.

EDITORIAL PAGE

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Quebec's hopes dashed

It's over! It's over! Vive le Canada!

Not quite.

By a slim margin Monday night, Quebec's separatists lost. Too bad.

We have been listening to the discontented for so many years. Just when a decision seemed imminent, an inconclusive vote brings lamenting that started that very night, with their political leader.

Quebec Premier Jacques Parizeau stated the francophones were beaten by money and the "ethnic vote." Racial comments will get you nowhere, sir.

"Just don't love us recognize us," a radio call-in person says. When haven't we recognized Quebec? Ontario spent millions of dollars a few years ago to put up bilingual signs. In the Charlottetown Accord of 1992, a vote in which all Canadians were involved addressing Native issues and Quebec's issue of sovereignty, the separation question was addressed.

To say Canada is divided is wrong. Canada is not only French and English. It is truly a multicultural country. People emigrated to live in its benign social climate. If Quebecers can't stand it, then maybe they should leave, or make up their minds.

Listening to the radio on Tuesday morning, many commentators stated there were no "clear-cut promises for Quebec." They don't deserve any.

To accommodate an entity actively seeking legal changes to allow another referendum is foolhardy. How many times must we be stabbed in the back before the nation retaliates?

It is absurd for Quebec "yes" supporters to contend that the removal of Canada pension payments to them, after separation, is cruel and unjust. You won't retain Canadian privileges if you aren't part of the country.

Since France supports Quebec independence, maybe the separatists can move there.

To hear nothing more of separation would be a relief. We could then deal with more important matters affecting the entire country.

Jennifer Mitchell

Hypocritical rights

"To be unable to live as ourselves . . . in our own language and according to our own ways, would be like living without an arm or a leg — or perhaps a heart."

" . . . our dream is for equality as people and for the respect of right to be different. We want a new balance in our relationships within Canada. We do not wish to continue to face an imposed vision of who we should be and how we should conduct our affairs . . ."

Believe it or not, these two quotes come from opposite ends of the political spectrum. One is a separatist premier of Quebec. The other is a First Nations' chief. Can you tell which is which?

Last week, when the Quebec Cree voted 96 per cent to reject sovereignty, Quebec's politicians on both sides of the referendum — Lucien Bouchard, Jacques Parizeau and Daniel Johnson among them — said Quebec would not be divided up.

It seems hypocritical that Quebec politicians can be so boisterous in demanding special national status for the French society in Quebec while remaining wholly against the same rights for the indigenous people who have lived there for 20,000 years.

If Quebec is granted national status, the same should be granted to the Cree and Inuit — especially when it is noted that neither have ever signed a treaty or legally given up an inch of their land.

The first quote is from Rene Levesque in 1980. The second is from Grand Chief Ovide Mercredi in 1993.

Will Webster

Letter to the Editor

Maves playing politics

Dear Editor:

After sitting by and watching one of his campaign promises get axed, Niagara Falls MPP Bart Maves now wants to kill the college's new campus in a game of political football.

In a seemingly political effort to appease constituents still angry over his provincial government's decision to kill the Ministry of Tourism move, Maves is now suggesting Niagara College's new campus be scrapped and moved into the vacant Tourism building.

Does this man stop to think before issuing statements? He's suggesting that a new campus, to be built for 17,000 students, instead be moved into a building built for 400 civil servants.

Instead of trying to play real estate agent, Maves should have been playing MPP and fighting the Tourism Ministry cancellation. But what did he do? He stood by and issued statements like "I received a commitment during the (election) campaign that the move would go ahead."

And when it's killed, he issues a statement saying he really fought for the move. Then in the next paragraph, says it was a "ridiculous" idea to move in the first place. Make up your mind Maves. You promise it, then turn around and support its axing.

Now Maves wants to play political football with our college campus. It's a good thing not all area MPPs are willing to play politics with the college's future.

St. Catharines-Brock MPP Tom Froese recently stated in the Niagara Advance, "the government can't tell Niagara College what to do...Clearly, moving (to Niagara Falls) is not in the best interests of the college."

Now all the college needs are for the other two silent Tory MPPs (Lincoln MPP Frank Sheehan and Niagara South MPP Tim Hudak) to come out in support of the college and not their politically naive caucus mate from Niagara Falls.

Willy Noiles
Public Relations Post-Diploma

Council abandons ship

By BEN FISHER
Staff Writer

Niagara College's College Council exists to promote communication and consultation within the college community.

Theoretically a council should be a team of dedicated members who actively represent those affected by its decisions.

At Niagara College we have a College Council resembling a phantom ship manned by unknown, nonexistent, individuals. There is scarce representation from faculty and students, while francophone, support staff, senior management and administration seats are adequately represented by their respective unions.

Council is attempting to sail a ship without a captain. Tom Fraser, a teacher at Niagara College, resigned as Council president on May 17, 1995 citing a conflict of interest. His post has yet to be filled.

Has this prompted mutinous activity onboard Council's ship? The faculty crew is allowed 16 members — last year there were only eight faculty members on the Council.

Niagara College students have been neglecting their integral role in council. Could it be our student body is uninformed or do they just not wish to participate in this extraneous, top-heavy organization?

There are 11 seats collecting dust on the council's floor. These student seats represent one-fifth of available voting membership on the council.

Council is experiencing great difficulty organizing and/or conducting a meeting this academic year. They have not met since May 17.

Council's constitution stipulates the four executive members must meet in October to discuss the academic year's direction.

Does the reason they are unable to hold a meeting result from members over-committing themselves to other tasks, the lack of student involvement, or both?

Various councils at Niagara College exist for the benefit of the student body. The lack of action by College Council may be a direct reflection of students' apathy.

Council members seem to have decided that involvement in College Council is a nuisance.

PERSPECTIVES

SAC needs wisdom for better use of windfall

Will Webster

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) announced this week it will have a $50,000 surplus at year's end. This sum arises from increased enrolment, hiked activity fees and business success at After Hours.

SAC representatives estimate about 1,000 students use After Hours and attend SAC special events on a regular basis. This leaves 2,500 students on the Welland campus alone who don't benefit from SAC events.

With the windfall, SAC voted to put an additional $17,000 into special events and entertainment. The wisdom behind it, according to Vice-President Social Scott Verhoeven is, "we need to keep these people entertained so they don't go crazy."

We see the party atmosphere on this campus as playing a major role in why students are going crazy. Some students are "partying down" until their assignments are due, then going crazy trying to get things done.

With tuitions rising, resources dwindling and the crunch on, surely the $50,000 could be put to better use.

Some students are 'partying down' until their assignments are due, then going crazy trying to get things done.

More money for peer tutoring, where students balk at the low financial return for very time consuming work, would be appropriate.

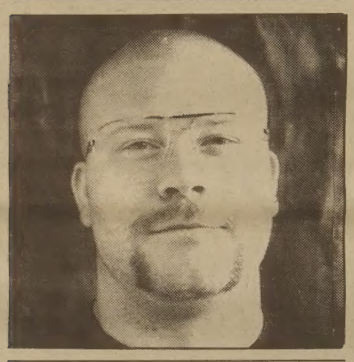
Maybe the $50,000 could be used for a head start on the technology for which President John Saso wants to bill students a further $35 a term in SAC fees.

In the journalism department we have 15 operating computers for more than 50 students. A modem, there isn't one to be found, would enable about 12 of us to do more work from home, taking some pressure off the computer room.

These are two areas (there are many more) where the money could be more productively spent. Expanding the party-down atmosphere around here just doesn't cut it.

This is enjoyable stress

Father finds 4 kids under 6 less stressful than college



Bob Giles

They call me Mr. Stress.

Is it any wonder with me having four more years of college!

I have been married for 6 1/2 years and have four beautiful children. The oldest one is 5 1/2-years-old and the youngest is 10 weeks. The oldest three are my girls and the baby is mom's boy.

This is enjoyable stress.

As you can guess, I'm in the Journalism-Print program.

Because of certain circumstances I cannot graduate from journalism. If I did, I might not be allowed to return to school. I might be forced to find a job because I'm on a disability pension.

The stress is building.

Being away from school for more than 10 years and working in a factory for nine years didn't help. I don't remember having homework like this in Grade 12. Of course, not being able to look at it until after 10 p.m. when the children are asleep, isn't helpful.

When I go home, I'm not the average husband. I help my wife with the children, dinner, cleaning and dishes. While spending all the time I can with the family, I also have two dogs and two birds to clean-up after. My wife would like to help, but one dog is a very hyper husky at age two, and can be quite unmanageable. The other is a boxer pup five-months old that is just starting the chewing phase.

To top it all off, I have just quit smoking, again (actually it's the fourth time), and the pressure to succeed this time is unbearable.

Can you say STRESS?

Next September, I will be in the Broadcasting-Radio, Television, and Film program.

My career choice is to be a radio personality (hopefully a disc jockey).

There is a bigger difference between newspapers and radio than you realize.

For the newspaper, you write for the eye.

The writing is simple, clear, and precise. You can read it over again if you misunderstood or missed something.

Paragraphs and sentences are short and sweet.

For radio, you write for the ear.

The story must paint the picture. You only have one chance to tell the listener what is happening while keeping their attention.

It is like inviting someone over for dinner and serving dessert first, then the meat and potatoes, and when they are not looking, force feed the vegetables with a wine chaser.

Don't get me wrong, I am beginning to like journalism. I will probably graduate either at the end of broadcasting with less stress, or throw myself right back into journalism by trying to graduate while studying broadcasting. The reason for this is I can't start something without finishing it. The fact that it will help my career down the line is the only thing that keeps me going, with the exception of my wife and children of course.

Until I get the job I desire, and as long as the children live at home, I guess I will remain Mr. Stress.

A moment to remember fallen Canadian soldiers

Lee-Ann Ayres

Winston Churchill said in 1940, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

On this Remembrance Day, veterans ask us to take one minute out of our busy schedule to remember.

We must remember fallen Canadian heroes, friends, husbands, wives, sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters.

They want us to remember the sacrifice given for a free, unified Canada. It seems some have forgotten and would much rather go on with, to quote Churchill "business as usual."

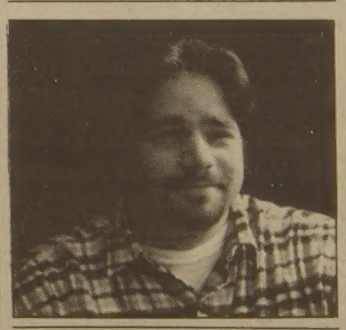
At one point, it was a national holiday where people took the day off to remember. Now, it seems we can't even spare the minute at the college, or at work, or in our homes to remember.

While veterans at cenotaphs lay wreaths, some of us continue our daily lives insensitive to the price paid by these brave Canadians.

"'Not in vain' may be the pride of those who survived and the epitaph of those who fell," said Churchill.

But let us not take for granted the freedom we have today.

Harris' Tory government taking food off Canadian taxpayers' tables



Jason Chase

Mike Harris is full of baloney.

I think back to the last provincial election and wonder why did I vote for Harris and the Tories?

I guess like many, we were drawn in by his promise to cut the Ontario deficit. He was going to trim social programs, but instead he has gone for the kill.

The cuts to programs like welfare have left a gaping wound that's going to bleed single mothers to death, if they don't starve first. This move will only add to the burden of the food banks, more will be asking but fewer will be receiving.

I wonder if Harris and his gang would cut their salaries by 20 per cent? They wouldn't end up in the poor house, and so what if they had to eat more potatoes and pork chops, it is still better than tuna and bologna.

I think back to the egg-throwing incident a couple of weeks ago and wonder if people had thrown cans of tuna would Harris have listened more.

I believe the deficit has to be cut and people on welfare should eventually get back to work, but starving them won't help. I'm sure some of the things Harris has planned will work, but I haven't heard of any great ideas yet. Of course, no one will always be happy with him or his government.

So now, we are left wondering what it would be like to have a Liberal government in power, but at least the NDP are gone. In electing a government, we have to remember next time not to fall in love with the sweet songs of politicians and read deeper into the fine print.

As the Christmas spirit slowly creeps into our hearts, let's remember to go to the local food bank and donate some cans of tuna and bologna. I guess it is up to us — the public — to help one another because you can't trust the government to pick up the cheque, unless it's one of their own lunches.

Environmentalists share waste issues

By DEAN MICHEL
Staff Writer

Visiting environmentalists from Thailand hail their recent two-week tour to the Niagara Region as "very successful."

Witthaya Boonthanom and Sirirat Chanvaivit, representatives of Burapha University's Centre for Industrial and Environmental Training, toured Canadian industries from Oct. 14 to Oct. 29.

The Thai visit was part of the five-year joint venture between Niagara College, Brock University and Burapha University. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the Thai government have committed funding to the project until 1998.

Niagara College President John Saso calls the venture a "significant project in the industrial area."

"Its main purpose is to have an exchange of ideas on environmental training issues," Saso says. "It was an intensive visit on the part of our Thai partners to watch how we educate and learn how our industries are taking care of environmental areas."

Boonthanom and Chanvaivit, both chemistry professors, are responsible for implementing industrial and environmental training programs to Thailand's corporate community.

Thai representatives from Burapha University call their recent two-week visit "very successful." From left, Witthaya Boonthanom, John Saso, Sirirat Chanvaivit and Jon Ogryzlo.

Photo by Dean Michel

Boonthanom says he and his partner will be taking "many details" of this visit to Thailand.

"Our goal is to deliver training programs in industrial and environmental areas to the factories in Thailand. We will be developing curricula for particular companies, establishing marketing plans, organizing training and evaluating that training."

The Thailand Centre for Industrial and Environmental Training will be delivering 20 courses in hazardous waste management starting in March 1996.

Boonthanom says water quality, deforestation and air pollution are serious environmental challenges facing Thailand. To address these issues the Thai government has taken steps to protect its forests and to establish water treatment plants. The government will ban the use of lead fuel after Jan. 1, 1996.

Chanvaivit says she appreciates the assistance of her Canadian colleagues.

"The more we learn here, the more we can share at home," she says.

Her partner agrees.

"We are very appreciative of our partnership with our Canadian colleagues. We have gained a lot of knowledge about their organizations and we would like to thank Niagara College for their hospitality," says Boonthanom.

Jon Ogryzlo, director of the Niagara College Centre for Environmental Training, says he thinks his Thai colleagues "picked up a great deal of information" on their recent visit. "The intention was to give Witthaya and Sirirat a good sense of how the college interacts with the business community."

Ogryzlo travels to Asia this week to speak at an international environment conference in Thailand. While on the trip he will also be speaking to a delegation in China.

"I'm looking forward to my Asian trip because I think the environment is a top priority internationally. Canada is quite useful as a model for how other countries can do things in the environmental field. We have a very integrated approach to environmental training and I think people find that unique and refreshing."

Which one is it? Oak, elm, maple or poplar?

By LEAH LAPRISE
AND STACEY SMITH
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It's "leaf project" time at the Niagara College Horticulture Centre in St. Catharines, which means students are scrambling for leaf specimens of every shape, size and species.

The leaf project is the major assignment for first-year students taking Ornamentals class, says first-year student Nick VanVeen of Whitby, Ont.

VanVeen, 19, says the project involves collecting 100 specimens of leaves from trees, vines, and woody shrubs. He says the specimens must be collected before they fall off the trees.

Collecting them is difficult this year because the leaves are falling off early. VanVeen says this is due to "wacky weather" that has been fluctuating from warm to cold.

First-year student Chris Vanhoffen, 18, of Stoney Creek, says the project is "frustrating."

"With all your other work, you get too busy and your leaves end up on the ground."

The Horticulture students were finishing their mid-terms last week, making it extra difficult to collect their leaf specimes, says VanVeen.

"I'm about three-quarters done," he says, "I only need about 30 more (leaves)."

First-year students Matt Adeney, 19, of Cambridge and Andrea Smith, 21, of Stoney Creek, say they are finding the project very "time consuming."

Van Veen says the project, due Nov. 12, is worth 20 per cent of the final mark in Ornamentals.

Matt Adeney, Andrea Smith, Nick VanVeen, and Chris Vanhoffen take a break from ...s.

Photo By Stacey Smith

International Days a success

By SHELLEY PARKES
Staff Writer

As the United Nations marks its golden anniversary, Niagara College's students held the first college-wide International Days Oct. 18 to 20.

Jos Nolle, co-ordinator of international education, planned the event with help from students of the International and English as a Second Language programs.

"I am happy we started it. I think it could be large but people have to become more familiar with it," said Nolle.

Events included a ping-pong tournament, international food tasting, name writing in five different languages, singing, dancing and a panel discussion on international students' views of school, Canada and their homelands.

The ping-pong tournament, won by a Libyan student, was held Oct. 18.

"I hoped we would get more Canadians out," said Nolle.

Oct. 19 offered food-tasting tables laden with fresh Japanese tea, mashed squash with sugar in pound cake and rice mixed with tuna wrapped in seaweed.

"The tea was very bitter," said Janice Heise, 23, a first-year student in Educational Resources and Special Needs program.

The name writing was in Japanese (Katakana), Korean, Arabic, Chinese and Thai. "It might become a fundraiser for the college," said Nolle.

Sonsoles Guerrero, 21, and Pilar Alivares, 18, both from Mexico, danced to the song Macarena. Korean students, in native apparel, sang traditional songs.

A panel discussion was also held among five international students in ESL. They discussed differences between their homelands and Canada, homesickness and food.

The day ended with an address by Nolle, thanking the students.

On Oct. 20 events were held at the Niagara Falls campus.

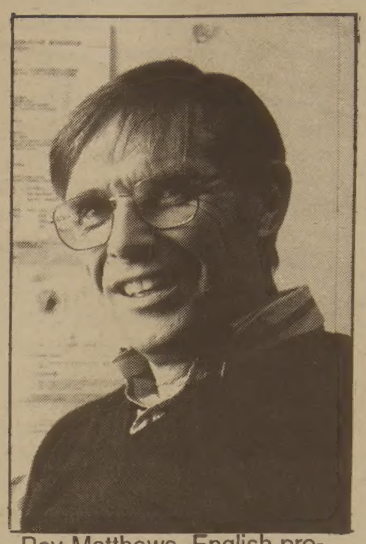
Nolle said international days like this will continue. "Next year, it will also be outside of Welland, in St. Catharines and Niagara Falls."

Doing the Macarena

Sonsoles Guerrero, 21, left, and Pilar Alvares, 18, from Mexico dance to the Macarena during International Days, Oct. 18 and 19.

Photo by Shelley Parkes

Many great things have come from war



Ray Matthews, English professor.

Photo by Debbie Cunningham

By DEBBIE CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

Students can achieve more than just a credit in Literature of War, a new general education elective starting this semester. They can achieve a sense of appreciation for sacrifices made.

Ray Matthews, the English professor at Niagara College who teaches the course, says there are several reasons why people study war literature.

The main reason is a personal one, says Matthews.

There is a curiosity about why people do the things they do during wartime and what their own reaction might be.

"It's the one experience most of us have never had," and yet for many it has been "the defining experience of their life."

"From a geopolitical point of view, the world has been defined by war. The country that we live in is the way it is because of war; the language which we speak was determined by war."

A third reason is "the element of the game in a battle, of thrust and counterthrust."

He says some people like to speculate what could have resulted if certain battles had ended differently.

The course divides the literature of war by the different attitudes towards it.

In the Heroic Age of Greece, a great leader could make all the difference in a battle. Later, the chivalrous view of war was highly formalized, and in the 19th century, nationalism influenced the belief that it was an honor to die for your country.

By the time the First World War ended, there was a complete "revulsion" of war. The Second World War altered this view. Those who fought in that war knew war was terrible but believed this was a war worth fighting.

The anti-war movement of the 1960s proved that public opinion against a war is very powerful. It becomes impossible to fight, says Matthews. He uses a quote from the end of the movie Platoon to sum up this new attitude:

"It seems not so much that we were fighting the enemy as ourselves."

Matthews has three objectives in this elective.

He says he wants first to instill a historic appreciation of war through prose, poetry, music and film.

"I'm convinced that the majority of students know very little about the forces that have made them, the forces that created this country, that have made the world the way it is."

Second, he says the "tremendous" effect war has on people should be understood and finally that they should become aware of the great literature that has been written on war.

War is "a natural canvas upon which to create great art," he says.

It is still too soon to see if the students taking his course have developed a new awareness of war.

Matthews says the ones enjoying the course seem to already have a sense of history. He points out that a person needs a great deal of study to truly develop an awareness.

Bill Livingston speaks out for Heritage Front

By JOHN ROUSSEL
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Bill Livingston — business owner, disgruntled Canadian and spokesman for the Niagara Region Heritage Front.

Livingston, a member of the Heritage Front for three years, is the media spokesman because he is vocal about his beliefs. "They (the government) will not shut me up," said Livingston. He also directs local operations.

This self-claimed "dissident" of the government, along with many Canadians with extreme right-wing beliefs, are dissatisfied with the government. From former Canadian prime minister Brian Mulroney to Ontario Premier Mike Harris, Livingston, and other members of the Heritage Front, believe politicians don't work for the people of Canada.

"The government is solidifying a bureaucratic power base to do what they want."

Funding cuts by the Harris government, Livingston said, could cause a revolt by the people of the province. "It is a recipe for anarchy. If such a revolt took place, the Heritage Front will be there and ready to do what is necessary."

The Grade 12 high school graduate attended courses in industrial welding and creative writing. He went to work in structural steel fabrication and on the "high steel" (skyscrapers under construction).

"I'm officially disabled," said Livingston. After an industrial accident in 1975 he never worked as a welder again. He went on to open a comic book store in St. Catharines called Memory Lane Comics.

He became interested in right-wing beliefs 10 years ago.

"It was the young people who got me investigating," Livingston said. "When I was young I never had to put up with this crap."

He said he started to look into extreme right-wing beliefs after he gave up his business. It was the same year Bob Rae became premier and Good and Services Tax was legislated. "GST cost thousands in revenue," he said.

He owns another business, about which he refused to comment, in addition to his Heritage Front activities.

Even though he has extreme right-wing views, he said he is not a racist.

The terms used by the Heritage Front on beliefs of race are "racialist and racial preservationist."

Livingston said a racialist is an organized person who protects the interest of their race. A racial preservationist is preserving the things "we like" (the Euro-Canadian culture).

As the local spokesman for the Heritage Front, he defended the use of the "seig heil" by members of his organization. He said it was a protest against the government and respect for the National Socialist Party (Nazi Party).

"I admire people who came from the bottom to the top," he said. "The Heritage Front is not remotely Nazi."

Winter pastime turns to deadly witch hunt

By DEBBIE CUNNINGHAM
Staff Writer

The Salem witch trials were started by two girls who needed something to enliven winter boredom.

In 1692, Betty Parris, nine, and her cousin Abigail, 11, were shut up in the house to escape the Massachusetts cold.

They passed time listening to tales of voodoo and other oddities from Tituba, the Parris' slave from Barbados.

Betty was frightened and started acting strangely whenever someone approached her.

Abigail, however, was having great fun. She invited friends over to listen to Tituba. Betty had become the centre of attention with the adults, who were very concerned about her strange behavior and seizures.

Seeing this, Abigail became jealous and started to copy Betty.

Reverend Parris, Betty's father, contacted the doctor. When the prescribed medicines could not stop the seizures, the doctor claimed the girls were bewitched.

The young people who came to hear Tituba also started behaving oddly, caught up in their friends' actions.

Suspicion arose about Tituba. When the adults asked the girls if Tituba had bewitched them, they went wild, afraid of being caught lying. Their reaction was taken as a confirmation.

Tituba was put on trial and asked about her involvement. She knew no one would believe the truth, so she created a wild story to give them what they wanted.

She told fantastic lies, claiming to have signed a pact with the devil and to have seen the names of other locals on his list.

This list resulted in a witch hunt to find the locals named.

Fourteen years later, in 1706, the trials ended when the "bewitched" people confessed they had lied.

The winter pastime had claimed 20 lives before it ended.

Modern day philosophers or just plain graffiti

By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

The writing is on the wall, desks and anywhere else artists can reach with their pens.

Graffiti is the struggle between aspiring young artists and the authorities trying to suppress them.

Cartoons depict people doing things a contortionist would be unable to do. Cheap shots at a fellow student's looks, sexual orientation and general attitude are forever scratched into the wood. Students praise one team and damn another, while others tend to quote their favorite musician, author or cartoon character.

My question is — why?

Why do we feel the need to etch our name in history by etching it in the seat in front of us?

I say us for I am not innocent from such defacing and defamatory acts. I've been known to scribble my name on a desk here or there (just look at S211 third row).

But what intrigues me is the creativity and thought people put into these sketches and phrases such as "Lorena Bobbit and Vandelism," "Why are we here?" "The world is a hole," and "Songs of faith and devotion." Profanity prevents me from continuing.

Maybe we should consider these thoughts and, although the sight is rather unpleasant, listen to these modern-day philosophers.

College headed for 'Enterprising Edge'

By VICTOR ZANIEWSKI
Staff Writer

Starting in January, students can participate in Niagara Collge's transformation into an "entrepreneurial college."

Lyn Russo, director of Marketing and Communications for Niagara, began the proceedings at Counsellor Information Day on Oct. 27, by introducing Barb Okanik, the seminar's first speaker.

Okanik, manager of the college's Innovation Centre in the School of Business and Entrepreneurship in St. Catharines, addressed the audience with the theme of "the enterprising edge."

She says the role of Niagara College is to prepare students for the new economy. The "enterprising edge provides a solid foundation in how to start and run a business successfully," she told the counsellors, a majority of them from area high schools.

The declining economy in the Niagara Region necessitated the change in direction that the School of Business and Entrepreneurship at Niagara College was taking, she says.

"Niagara is the first college to undertake such a venture."

The program's emergence is a direct result of the college examining what the prominent economists have been saying and how it applies to the Niagara Region, she says.

"Factors favor small businesses in the region. Small businesses are the economic vehicle, certainly in this region."

Okanik says "97 per cent of Canadian companies are small businesses with 47 per cent of the population working in those businesses."

She says college graduates are turning towards entrepreneurship so that they will, for example, not be just "a nurse, but a self-employed nurse."

"The demand for enterprising skills and attributes is not limited to business ... it is an employability skill in demand for all careers."

Enterprising Edge is designed not simply as a tool or set of skills, but is "a distinctive advantage" for students in the job market, she told the seminar.

"In the new economic paradigm, entrepreneurship isn't the sole province of the company's founder or its top managers. It is a capability and attitude that is diffused throughout the company."

The focus of the "enterprising edge" will be on the development of skills that enhance employability and increase self-employment options, says Okanik.

College students will have the opportunity, at no extra cost, to participate in this venture as part of their program curriculum. The program's 45 hours will qualify it as a general elective. The program will be available to the general public as a special interest course.

Students will receive a statement of achievement, which will enhance their marketability, she says.

"Most of the growth and some of the jobs in the next decade will be created by companies and industries that do not exist yet," says Okanik. "It is our students who will have to create those jobs."

By the year 2002, 40 per cent of workers will be self-employed, she says, adding "that is the main reason why our learners must understand what self-employment is all about."

She says students have to understand the ever-changing aspect of industry in order to take advantage of the opportunity technology is presenting. "Strategy is a big part of transformation. We want the students to be ready."

Change is not going to go away, says Okanik. The better prepared students are the more will they realize that "very often change itself creates opportunity. Change is constant and we can't fight it. We have to accept and embrace it."

The college will provide ongoing "moral and technical support," which is identified as an important aspect of a new business. When entrepreneurs first embark on their endeavors, they will have their mentors' experience as a tool at their disposal, she says.

Students can look forward to a 1-800 number set up by the college, where entrepreneurs will share their experiences, she says.

Students then could "incubate" their own businesses in a supportive environment and promote their businesses to others through co-operative business exhibitions.

The aim of the module is to the get the word to the public while improving the marketing of the final product: the student, Okanik says.

There will be eight or nine modules, each an independent learning activity dealing with learners' needs and a specific aspect of home-based business. This modular design incorporates a practical handbook with contributions from experts who will play an active role in this venture, she says. There will be no traditional teaching out of a book, the customized handbooks will serve as a practical guide.

"It is very important this be an experiential development offered with options and flexibility," says Okanik.

Employment Services offers help to graduates

By VICTOR ZANIEWSKI
Staff Writer

With graduation approaching, it is "important" for students to promote themselves to employers, says the college's career services officer.

"Your graduation is only the beginning," Janet Forfar, graduate employment officer, cautions graduating students.

"Self marketing starts now," so submit your resumes now and not at graduation, she says.

The Employment Services office helps in conducting interviews with prospective employers. In addition, office personnel will accept resumes at any time.

The office plays a dual role of liaisoning between college students and companies. The staff also attends business conventions to promote Niagara's graduates.

"The role of the office is to help graduated students find employment. This year, the office has received 300 inquiries for full-time positions," says Forfar.

To help Niagara's alumni, the office has resources for students. Among them is information on companies, which can be found in the Learning Resource Centre at the Welland campus.

Besides helping with resumes, the office will assist with composing a cover letter — a more in-depth profile.

Graduates can leave their resumes with the office which will continue to send the resumes, with students' permission, until notified to stop.

She conceeds once students leave the college, it is hard for them to know about postings at the Employment Services office. She asks that once students no longer need the service, they notify the office at Ext. 7787.

Employment Services geared to students who want 'hands-on' exposure

Leo Tiberi, manager Employment Services at Niagara College, and Janet Forfar, graduate employment officer were on hand at the recent Counsellors Information Day providing information on Employment Services at the college.
Photo by Lee-Ann Ayres

By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

Get a haircut and get a real job with the help of Employment Services at Niagara College.

Local area high school guidance counsellors heard from two representative of Employment Services during a Counsellor Information Day on Oct. 27.

Janet Forfar, graduate employment officer and Leo Tiberi, manager of Employment Services, spoke to a workshop at a Niagara Falls hotel.

The role of Employment Services is to help graduated students find employment.

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The office has resources for students, including access to information on companies and help with resumes and cover letters.

Not only does the department help students find work after school, but during the academic year. Employment Services is offered at the college for students who have a work term in their program.

"In 1984, co-op generated over $1.3 million in wages," says Tiberi. "We had students go on international co-ops. Some students went to England, Tawain, Kuwait and Switzerland."

The advantages of co-operative education is that it is career specific, said Tiberi.

The student becomes acquainted with people in the industry, developing contacts for future employment. It puts academic training to practical use, he said.

In 1984, Co-op generated over $1.3 million in wages —Tiberi

Students learn to work with others, a quality employers look for in employees. Students also get "hands on" exposure to the responsibilities, problems and rewards, said Tiberi during the workshop.

The mission of the office is to facilitate partnerships between students, employers and the college. This enhances the practical, theoretical and personal learning of the students. he said.

There is an additional $300 fee on top of tuition to cover job search, plus duplicating and postage fees when applying for employment, says Tiberi.

With files from Victor Zaniewski

Niagara aiming to be best in Canada

By DEANNE FERBRACHE
Staff Writer

Niagara College President John Saso says he's proud of what Niagara is accomplishing.

"We do not revel in the number of people who attend this college, but the number of people who graduate from it."

Saso made his remarks at the second annual In the Loop Conference at the Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls on Oct. 21. During his 10-minute talk, he briefly touched on a number of issues and challenges facing the college as a new century approaches.

The college president stressed not only the importance of keeping everyone up to date about issues facing the college community, but realizing how valuable the advisory committee members are and that the work they contribute is "greatly appreciated."

"College staff are both bright and innovative," Saso told about 100 people at the conference. "College personnel make what this institution is. For every one college student trying to attend university, seven students are trying to get into college."

He said about 79 per cent of Niagara students go on to find jobs within six months of graduating. "The teachers, the students and the advisory members are all responsible for this."

Saso described some of the new innovations available to students in the future.

Students will have the opportunity to learn to start a business and "run it successfully" as well as learn skills in financing and marketing, he said. "We are looking at thriving in a time of challenge. If we stand still, we will die. The challenges we are facing are tremendous, but it's just more of the same, we've already been dealing with change."

Saso said he was satisified with the college's ability to break away from provincial government funding.

"Ten years ago, 80 per cent of our funds came from the provincial government while only a small percentage came from tuition fees. Now, less than 50 per cent of funds are given by the government.

"I see the day when government funding is insignificant, when it will no longer sustain us," Saso said, adding Niagara is "well positioned" to survive. "The bright ideas and innovations from this room will sustain us."

Unfortunately, the drop in costs do not pertain to that of college tuitions ... student fees will continue to go up, he said.

Saso said the idea for the In the Loop conference came from a complaint during a college Board of Governors meeting, when someone said they didn't know what was going on at the college.

From that point, the realization that college issues needed to be discussed openly was addressed, he said.

The In the Loop Conference is aimed at keeping the college's advisory committee members aware of what is happening at Niagara. "We want to honor our advisory committee members, that's what this conference is about."

Saso ended his remarks on a personal note. "This is the best job I've ever had, and may be the best job I'll ever have. If we don't work together, the chances of thriving are nil. If the challenges work for us and not against us, Niagara College will be the finest college in Canada."

Counsellors informed

By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

Counsellors are getting counselling.

About 87 counsellors from Niagara Region high schools attended a one-day conference dealing with changes at Niagara College on Oct. 27.

The second annual Counsellor Information Day was held at the Ameri-Cana Resort in Niagara Falls. It was sponsored by Niagara College. Counsellors were given information on different courses at the college.

Speakers Barb Okanik and Danielle Brown were the highlight of the day. Okanik, Niagara College's Innovation Centre manager for School of Business and Entrepreneurship, spoke about The Enterprising Edge. Brown, co-ordinator for the Call Centre Management program at Niagara, spoke on Careers of the Future.

Counsellors also attended two of six workshops dealing with different aspects of the college. Workshops about apprenticeship training and technical skills, hospitality and tourism studies, employment services, technology studies (post-secondary), access division and environmental studies were presented.

Cathy Weir, marketing associate for the college's Marketing and Communications Department, who organized the event, said she was pleased with the attendance which "was better this year."

Transition at college

By SARAH MURRELL
Staff Writer

Times are changing and so is Niagara College.

At the second annual In The Loop Conference, a seminar on the college's transformation process was given by Dr. Bonnie Rose, consultant, and David Schleich, vice-president, academic.

Schleich told the group of about 25 that learners are changing, they are willing to pay for "now education," and the college must change also.

Schleich said that how the college deals with change determines its future. If the college ignores or resists change, the result will be demise. If the college accepts it, the result will be a waste of resources. Only if the college embraces change will the outcome be positive.

Rose, a partner in the firm of W.S. Kubiski and Associates, is the lead consultant for the college during the transformation process. She explained how the college will bring about the transformation.

In the "concentrated year" of transformation there are three phases. In phase one, a draft of a strategic agenda was developed and a transformation team was established. In phase two, discussions based on the strategic agenda took place and in phase three, there will be detailed review and finalization of the agenda.

Rose said there is one goal: learner and client success. Rose said the "learners of the future" are all different and asked if Niagara College can help them. "They won't all fit into one mould, or even three."

Concerns were expressed, by audience members, that learner-centred type of education methods have failed before in elementary schools.

Schleich responded, "If you think learner-centred means watered down outcomes, it has more to do with the learner choosing the pathways. The need for coaches is greater than ever."

'Tis the season!

A pumpkin greets visitors to the Niagara College Child Care Centre in Welland.
Photo by Ron Crowley

Accessible information

By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

Access is spelled A-B-C.

At Counsellor Information Day, on Oct. 27, the Access, Ventures Division presented one of six workshops to local Niagara area high school guidance counsellors.

"The Access Division is unique and non-traditional," says Anne Thompson, co-ordinator, Academic Upgrading. "It also encompasses a wide range of programs."

The division includes several programs: Basic Training for Skills Development (BTSD), Career and College Opportunities, English as a Second Language, Futures-Youth Employment Services, Ontario Basic Skills (OBS) and Women Into Trades and Technology (WITT).

The goal of the division is to provide a window of access to educational and training opportunity within the Niagara College community for a diverse client population. It is committed to working partnerships within the college, with other educational institutions, with employer groups, with external agencies and with governments to ensure the success of the division's mandate.

Clients of the Access Division are usually aged 19 and up. Some are underprepared and need upgrading, retraining or special assistance in achieving career or training goals. Some are clients with special barriers to educational success, the unemployed and employment disadvantaged youth. There are adult learners who need literacy training or upgrading to enter other programs and adults who have been out of the educational system for some time.

The Access, Ventures Division is at the St. Catharines campus. Anyone interested in any of these programs can contact the division at 684-4315 ext. 2417.

Just around kidding

Welland Preschool resource teacher Patti Di Nunzio and Dustin, 5, enjoys one of the play areas at Niagara College's Early Childhood Centre in Welland.

Photo by Ron Crowley

Batman, alias Dakota, 3, anxiously awaits to depart on the Early Child-Care Centre Halloween parade around the Welland campus.

Photo by Ron Crowley

Jessica, 5, keeping still while getting her face painted.

Photo by Ron Crowley

Cost-cutting to affect child care

By CELESTE DISTEFANO
Staff Writer

Rumors circulating about cuts to child care were confirmed on July 21, when Ontario Premier Mike Harris presented his overview on spending cuts in the province.

Many of Harris' cost-cutting measures have been set up at the expense of children, parents and early childhood educators, says a press release from the Association of Early Childhood Educators of Ontario (AECE).

In the province of Ontario the average hourly wage of an early childhood educator is $9.60, which includes the subsidy provided by the Wage Enhancement Grant (WEG).

Harris says he will examine the child care system to ensure taxpayers' dollars are being used effectively.

The withdrawal of this subsidy would decrease the salaries of early childhood educators by $8,000 a year, forcing teachers to live below the poverty line, says Dawn Smith, supervisor of Niagara Community Childcare Centre (NCCC) in Niagara Falls.

"It is possible that WEGs will be targeted by the next round of spending cuts scheduled for fall 1995," says Smith.

Reduced funding for colleges and universities will impact training programs for early childhood educators, says the AECE.

One of the cuts is the Early Childhood Education Program (ECEP), which was scheduled to begin in September 1995.

The program was designed to provide a "seamless" day for pre-school children integrating both quality care and education. Early childhood educators were to play "an equal role" on a teaching team of qualified professionals, says the AECE's press release.

Harris cancelled the ECEP and said he will look into other approaches to the early childhood education, says Smith.

The government has not completed its proposed cutbacks for child care. To date, the 100 per cent child care subsidy has been cut to 80 per cent.

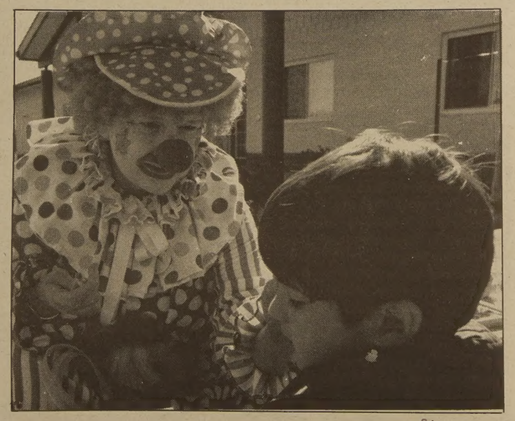
All new equipment dollars have been cut and day cares are to rely on fundraisers.

These cuts lead child-care workers to use the "glorious junk" to provide some craft supplies for the children, says Smith.

Other cuts are to the Niagara Children Services Committee and Family and Children Services (FACS) counselling.

These cuts may force child-care workers to get part-time jobs or to leave the field and so create a lack of qualified replacement workers for the children, says Smith.

"In the end it will be the children who suffer."



Corey, 4, turns the other cheek for a clown creation. Cuddles the Clown was busy painting faces of children at the centre during one of the many events during Week of the Child in October.

Photo by Ron Crowley

The importance of early childcare should not be overlooked. Vailly, 5, a graduate of the Early Child-Care Centre feeds her infant brother, Brennan.

Photo by Ron Crowley

ECE program popular

By RON CROWLEY
Staff Writer

To build a house, you need a solid foundation.

To produce excellent child educators, you need a quality program.

Many "excellent" educators have graduated from the Early Childhood Education (ECE) program at Niagara College since its beginning in 1968.

Allison Soave, co-ordinator of the ECE program, said the two-year program has "over 500 applicants each year, so doing interviews is not something that's feasible for us right now."

Admission to the program includes high school grades, "specifically English-communication skills." Applicants must submit a resume detailing volunteer work with children and families as well as any paid work experience.

The process requires each applicant to submit a resume, work references and "their rationale for wanting to work with children," said Soave.

One of the "unique" things about Niagara's ECE program, said Soave, "is we have what we call concurrent field practica."

The students are on placement everyday, working with children half a day and in class the other half, for the duration of their two-year program.

"The benefits are the things they learn in class, they can go out and try immediately," said Soave. "It allows the student to work on any problems they're experiencing in the field right away. The majority of the other colleges do block placements."

She said there are more than 200 full-time students in the ECE program. The program is offered through Continuing Education and a new evening-weekend format beginning next semester.

Students are required to take courses in child psychology, focusing on children from infancy to 12 years of age.

There is also a multiculturalism course helping students understand the multicultural aspects "of our community and how to work with and interact with families from different cultures and environments," said Soave.

Practical courses include music and drama, child health and well-being. All courses are geared towards "setting-up programs" for children.

Graduates of the program can find employment in community nursery schools, day-care centres, integrated centres and various other children's institutions.

Education evolves constantly and the ECE program is no exception. Applicants in the future may be subjected to criminal record checks because of increased pressure for child safety in the day-care system.

The college realizes the advancements facing programs like ECE and is exploring self-directed learning by way of computers, said Soave, adding there is nothing "definite or formalized" at this point and they are constantly researching ways to enhance the program.

"One major area ECE will be shifting towards is developing more entrepreneurial skills in our graduates, because they are going to have to start their own child-care programs," said Soave.

"There isn't going to be government money anymore."

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Kites soar and art abounds during the month of November at Rodman Hall in St. Catharines.

Photo by Susan DeRuiter

Rodman Hall flies in the Fall

By SUSAN DERUITER
Staff Writer

Across the bridge and down in the valley in downtown St. Catharines sits Rodman Hall.

Originally the home of Thomas Rodman Merritt, built in 1853, Rodman Hall is a National Exhibition Centre owned by the St. Catharines and District Arts Council.

Three new shows will open in November. "Pictures for the Sky: Parallel Flight" opens today. It is an "exciting and imaginative" exhibition of kite-making. Commissioned by the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, the show features 10 artists who combine individual style and diversity in many facets of kite-making.

"Everyone will have fun with this show," says curator Debra Attenborough.

On Nov. 4, the 35th annual Juried Exhibition will open. The work of regional visual artists, working in a variety of mediums, will be viewed.

"This exhibition is always a visual feast," says Attenborough.

Burtynsky/Maynard: Photographs, organized and circulated by the Art Gallery of Ontario, will open Nov. 12.

This exhibition compares the work of Edward Burtynsky, a 20th century photographer, to that of Richard Maynard, a 19th century photographer. Maynard photographed part of the construction of the Canadian Pacific rail line and was enthusiastic in his support of expansion and technological progress. Burtynsky looks at what has been inherited from industrial development.

This fall, the centre will offer classes in drawing, painting, yoga, Tai Chi and Christmas decoration creation.

Tours are available at the centre.

Rodman Hall, at 109 St. Paul Cres., St. Catharines, is open Tuesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Laughs come by land, air and sea

By DAVE JOHNSTONE
Staff Writer

One man speaks candidly about the virtues and vices of childhood haircuts. Another speaks about the "underbelly of society."

No, it's not a referendum meeting. It's Wednesday Comedy Night at After Hours.

Scott Harris and B. J. Woodbury, two Ontario-based comedians, performed to an enthusiastic crowd on Oct. 25.

"I like the feeling I get from an audience," Woodbury said before he took the stage. He referred to "the high" he gets from audiences as his "drug of choice."

The 36-year-old comedian is not a stranger to stage and screen. He has had bit parts in such movies as Stella Della and Don't Talk to Strangers. In addition, he has also appeared on eight episodes of Top Cops, 18 episodes of Road to Avonlea, and co-starred last year on the Red Green Show as Helmut Wintergarden, the son of a biker couple.

Woodbury says he loves the bad guy image he conveys to people.

His worst gig was in Dawson Creek, B.C. After a 19-hour drive, he was expected to perform.

Another of his "hall of shame" memories includes a time early in his career when he was dared to go on stage at a local amateur night.

Woodbury says he was "really nervous. I'll never forget that."

Cruise ships annoy him to no end, he says, adding he can't swear while performing. He once uttered a profanity and found himself escorted off the ship on to a helicopter 45 minutes later.

Woodbury's next date includes Yuk Yuk's in Mississauga. He will travel to the east coast for a number of shows.

While B.J. Woodbury has made a name for himself, success for Hamilton resident Scott Harris has been an elusive entity ever since he began in radio 15 years ago.

He says he tried unsuccessfully to be a shoe salesperson, a job that didn't fill his need to be funny, adding he "just wanted to entertain."

"If you can travel on it, I've been on it."

The search for stability in his life has him constantly on the move. But that didn't sit well with his past marriages.

After three divorces, he says, the perfect relationship would include a slim, unattached woman of any race and age. Meeting someone "for two weeks and not seeing them for two years" doesn't suit Harris well.

"Comedy takes up all your time," Harris says as he shuffled around excitedly after finishing his act. "But seeing the country is the best part."

Asked about his mode of travel, Harris says, "If you can travel on it, I've been on it." He says he's travelled on foot, 747s, dog sleds and two-seater planes to get to a gig.

Harris's best gig was when he shared the stage with singer Tom Jones. He says there was "champagne, a limo and 3,000 people — the works." The worst gig was in front of a group of the Teamsters. Harris says he lasted about four minutes before "someone pulled the mike out on me."

With files from Ron Wolf

Exhibition in Brantford

By LYN DUNLAP
Staff Writer

It's a career motivated by translating philosophies and values to a visual understanding.

Greg Staats, of Six Nations Reserve, near Brantford, Ont., bases his photographic career on visual translation for aboriginal peoples.

Staats has a photography exhibition entitled, Growth and Change, on display by the Niagara Artists Company (NAC) until Nov. 10 at the Ground Floor, 2 Bond St., St. Catharines.

The exhibition is being funded by the Ontario Arts Council, the Canada Council and NAC.

Along with his exhibit, Staats lectures and teaches workshops on photographic basics.

He attended Sheridan College in Oakville, completing the Photography program in 1983.

He has had his work published in Canada and Europe. Staats also presents workshops and gives lectures across North America.

Retro movement returns vinyl

By DAVE JOHNSTONE
Staff Writer

Can Eddie Vedder and 35,000 Pearl Jam fans be wrong for buying a dinosaur product called a record?

"Many people still believe that vinyl can sound better than the compact disc," says Gary Dilliot, owner of Better Music, 590 Welland Ave. in St. Catharines. "There is a convenience factor that the CD has. . . It doesn't need to be babied with careful handling like a record does. As a result, the CD caught on because of its ease of use."

Obviously, records still need to be cleaned. Needles need to be changed and the turntables need to be checked for wear and tear.

CDs need careful handling too. They collect just as much dust and dirt as records. The laser that reads the disc also needs to be replaced.

If your interest has been sparked by the retro movement it may be time to pay a visit to any of the dealers in the Niagara region that still carry turntables or vinyl accessories.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Bands, CDs, Tapes & Movie Reviews

By TRACY LAPRISE
Staff Writer

Anticipating the coming of the apocalypse and the return of Christ comes the band 2000a.d.

The band's debut self-titled CD is a collection of songs about the beginning and the end of the world, and the constant struggle between good and evil.

This band consists of Chris Gasiorek, vocalist; Lenny Ventresca, two- piece drum kit; Paul Rossi, guitar; Luke Rioversi, guitar and Rob Cargnelli, bass.

Gasiorek and Ventresca are self-taught musicians working on their second demo in the basement of their Welland home.

Gasiorek says, "our songs are based upon inner feelings and the torment of how and why we all belong on this planet."

"We aren't the spit, swear, grab your private parts attitude attributed to most bands, we like to grab you by your soul," says Gasiorek.

"We think of ourselves as free-thinking individuals influenced by the achievements of those who came before us," says Gasiorek.

The band says their influences are Velvet Underground, Iggy Pop, Jim Morrison, Joy Division and early blues music.

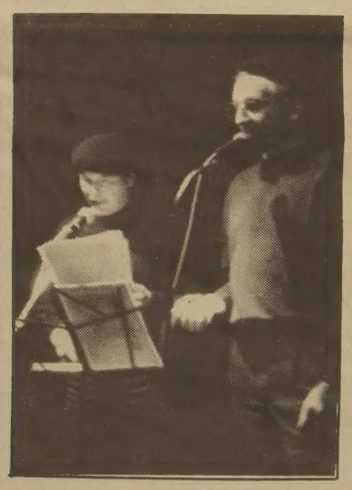
2000a.d. played live at Scene 95 Disc, an event featuring 21 bands in the Niagara area. They also play live at Fratt House Bar and Grill in St. Catharines. The band says they're not playing to be successful, but play strictly for the music.

"We feel everyone is leaning towards shock value to grab the audience's attention — our music is filled with honesty which shocks more," says Gasiorek.

Gasiorek says they will be playing in a Battle of the Bands in November at Images Night Club in Welland. The date is unknown.

The band 2000a.d. is comprised of: back row, left, Chris Gasiorek, Luke Rioversi and Lenny Ventresca. Front row are Paul Rossi and Rob Cargnelli.
Photo by Tracy Laprise

Calling All Writers



Niagara College student Dave Sarafino and his partner Mike Corrigan will be among those reading poetry at Calling All Writers night on Nov. 13 at After Hours.

Photo by Will Webster

By TRACY LAPRISE
Staff Writer

Led Zeppelin's *Heartbreaker* song inspired the formation of the all-male band earwacks.

The band consists of three musicians. Paul Rossi, 29, lead singer; John Biller, 28, drums and Lenny Ventresca, 28, bass.

Earwacks' members says they've known each other for 12 years playing on and off with the members of 2000a.d., another band from Welland.

Earwacks says they're inspired by famous songwriters and musicianship, songwriters like John Lennon, Jimmy Page and Stevie Ray Vaughn. " We can't just idolize one band, we love all different styles of music," says Rossi.

Earwacks' says they've recorded five new songs on their CD and six songs from when they first started 12 years ago.

Music is a family strength. Rossi's father is a musician and Biller's mother is a musician therapist.

Rossi says that earwacks' songwriting is spontaneous. "Emotions inspire music from what we do each day in our lives. We try to have a new sound with an old feel," says Rossi. Biller says that it's important to add depth to the sounds and the words to show meaning of life. "Some bands have too much attitude about society that shows in their lyrics," says Biller.

The band says they went to the Niagara gorge pavilion and hooked up their instruments with three extension cords. They played until 2 a.m. for crowds that were at the gorge that day.

Biller says he was in the military during six songs. John Dimartile took over on the drums while he was away. Rossi and Dimartile have been good friends for years.

"Being famous isn't everything," says Rossi. The band says they don't want to be famous because they find music social, fun and "it's a collective thing."

"Music is the best therapy in the world," says Biller.

BY WILL WEBSTER
Staff Writer

When I first heard this tape I wondered if I hadn't mixed up one of my David Wilcox recordings. There is an edge to Prine's music not present in his earlier work.

Prine, who gave us such '70s classics as **Angel from Montgomery** and **Dear Abby**, has always had a lyrically caustic side, but, until now, not musically.

Within a few songs, when the country licks kick in, it is definitely Prine not Wilcox. Perhaps the presence of Marrianne Faithful is lending Prine the edge, or maybe it is the country cross-over studio production courtesy of Howie Epstein.

Either way it works. Prine is at his best, lyrically and with the use of a Collings guitar, which is all over the record. The troubadour who once lamented, *"there's a hole in Daddy's arm where all the money goes,"* is back, bigger and better.

Through the rocker **Leave the Lights On** he laments, *"Me and Billy Shakespere, stepped out to get a root beer, we sat together so near, people thought we were queer . . . leave the lights on."*

In **Big Fat Love**, Prine is his old contradictory self, *"She don't eat enough to keep her alive, when she bends over she's a quarter to five, skinny little thing but she ain't afraid, to dance the watusi on a razorblade, she got big fat love."*

On the dirge, **This Love is Real**, he is joined by Faithfull singing, *"I have tasted other lips I thought were true, I have looked into those eyes I thought were you, now touching just to touch, and feeling just to feel, I know this love is real."*

Prine is also joined by Carlene Carter and Sass Jordan on this record which should excite old fans and win a few new ones. I give it four stars, even if his raw, strumming guitar is lost in the shiny gloss of Epstein's production.

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

Get ready for the match of the season (no, it isn't George Foreman versus Mike Tyson); Sylvester Stallone's usual testosterone-fuelled acting versus Antonio Banderas' fresh new look.

And the winner is Antonio Banderas.

In *Assasins*, Sly is his usual stone-cold character who grows a little heart as the movie goes on. He is an increasingly reluctant professional hitman forced to go against a younger, considerably more alive Banderas.

Amid all the chaos and killing, Julianne Moore (*Nine Months*) is thrown in as the cat-loving, Net-surfing information broker, who becomes Sly's next target (but ends up being the reason for his change of heart).

Sly has not changed. From the "nothing can hurt me" *Rambo* attitude, his loner-touch in *Cliffhanger*, to the all-business/no fun mood in *The Specialist*. Fear not though, there are two things which save this turkey.

First, remember *Demolition Man*, when Wesley Snipes took off as the evil-fun loving antagonist; or how about *Judge Dredd* when Armand Assante's scenery-chewing/psychotic villany stole the show.

It is basically the same in *Assasins*. Banderas comes across as a riveting and hilarious Number One Gun wannabe. He brings the same cool touch from *Desperado* and succeeds in making the antagonist likeable. I felt bad when Snipes and Assante died, and it is awful when Banderas bites the dust.

Even in the end, when you think the villain is doing something out of character, you're never let down.

Richard Donner (best known for directing all three *Lethal Weapons*) brings the same type of camaraderie into this film. One will be treated to the bickering, baiting and juvenile name-calling.

Overall the movie is great, so long as you can get past all the scenes which involve Sly's attempts at acting. Beyond that, it is still worth $8.

By DAVE JOHNSTONE
Staff Writer

Every once in a while a band comes along that throws people a big curve. In the case of Niagara region-based band Phuse the curve comes by way of their first independent tape release, **Threads**.

Threads features traditional sounds: drums, shimmering acoustic and stinging electric guitar and powerful vocals. Their sound is characterized by jazzy overtones and hard progressive rock crunch. This is one odd combination, but it works.

The tape was recorded and produced by Rob Deacon and Phuse at Prodigy Audio Resources in St. Catharines.

The incredible thing about Phuse is they don't sound like they are trying to force a false emotion or impression on the listener like some bar bands do. They simply play what they feel - and they do it well. Tracks to note include *Cinderella's Lighthouse, Pure Fury* and *Simple Overview*. These songs are worthy of becoming hits for this band strictly on the emotional high they convey. Let's just hope that they can live through the frustrations that break up most area bands.

Threads is available by contacting Darren Platakis at 646-5430.

Food box:convenience, freshness, value

By NANCY KIMSEY
Staff Writer

Fresh fruits and vegetables delivered monthly without the hassle of long lines and travel time. Interesting? Call the Good Food Box.

The Good Food Box is a prepacked box containing fresh produce, as well as a newsletter including simple recipes, nutrition and cooking tips and children's activities.

The box is available in three sizes: small for singles or seniors, regular for three to six people and the big box which contains the same fresh produce as the regular box with the addition of staple items such as pasta, sauce and soup. The prices are $11, $16 and $26 respectively.

Once a month, place your order for the Good Food Box through the office or, once established, your area promoter. The promoter is your contact. In some cases, you will pick up the box at the promoter's home when it arrives on the third Wednesday of the month.

Not all drop-off points are private homes. Many are businesses and co-operative housing complexes but all are central neighborhood locations.

Operating out of the offices of Niagara Peninsula Homes Inc. (NPH), 178 King St., Welland, the program was launched across Niagara in July 1994. This unique project provides consumers with good, nutritious food at a reasonable price while providing training opportunities to promoters.

Promoters receive their training on the job. They learn bookkeeping skills by collecting money for orders and keeping records. Organization, time management, telephone and interpersonal skills are improved by what the annual progress report calls the "learning-by-doing" approach.

"I came into the office not even knowing how to operate a computer. Everyone here is very helpful," said Laurie Ann Marriott, marketing and customer service representative.

In January 1994, NPH was awarded funding through the jobsOntario Community Action program for start-up and training costs to develop a program for promoting better nutritional awareness in the Niagara region.

From the beginning, organizers have tried to keep the concept "simple, with a focus on nutrition," said Mark Saltarelli, marketing and customer service representative.

Their main objectives are nutrition and consumer education, job creation, training, increasing demand for local products by linking local producers with consumers and providing affordable food.

Although the name suggests a charitable organization, personnel are quick to point out the fallacy of that notion.

"We are not a charity," said Marriott.

She said the broad customer base includes single-support families, underemployed and unemployed singles, as well as business and working professionals. There is no income cut-off level.

With the recent cuts handed down

by the provincial government, the group expects an increase in demand for the box, said Marriott.

The confusion surrounding the name has prompted requests for a new name to better describe the "convenience, freshness and value" offered, said Saltarelli.

The response for a name change has been minimal, said Marriott. "People seem to be reluctant to change."

Food is purchased from an area wholesaler who provides local produce whenever possible. The long-range plan, as outlined in the first-year progress report, is to establish direct links with local farmers.

The more people purchase the box, the more buying power the group will have. If there is sufficient interest shown by the Niagara College community (10 or more orders) they will try to make a drop-off point here, said Marriott and Saltarelli.

Anyone interested in purchasing a box or requiring additional information, may contact the order department at 788-0166, 382-3461 or 1-800-565-1274.

New signs point direction for visitors to Niagara.
Photo by Milan Durco

Signs provide new direction

By MILAN DURCO
Staff Writer

Signs, signs, everywhere a sign.

Recently street signs were installed near designated areas at Niagara College.

Discussed at a recent college parking committee meeting, it was agreed signs would be erected.

A number of factors influenced parking committee members to support the signs.

"We were concerned about safety issues which involved an emergency vehicle being able to quickly, and efficiently, find its way to an accident at the college using the street signs to guide them," says Sandra Fox, manager of Ancillary Services.

Fox says the new signs will make it easier for visitors, new to the area, to find their way around the college.

The roadways are named Chippawayan Boulevard, off Woodlawn Road; Talbot Walk, a walkway leading to the college's main entrance; Seneca Road, off Rice Road; and Ring Road, connected to First Avenue.

"There were two other street signs installed near Martindale Road and Highway 406 to represent the college," said Fox.

The street signs, ordered through Regional Niagara, each cost $30 to install, she said.

Racism forum Nov. 10

By SANDRA D'AMICO
Staff Writer

The Community Dialogue on Racism is holding its second annual forum to promote community participation and education about racism.

The event will be hosted in partnership with the Niagara Regional Police Service. Featured keynote speakers are Warren Kinsella, author of Web of Hate, Inside Canada's Far Right Network, and Martin Theriault, activist and consultant for CTV documentary Hearts of Hate.

The forum will take place at Niagara College on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Cost is $5.

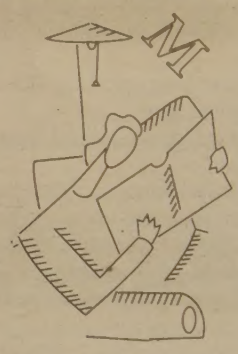
For further information contact Susan at (905) 984-6515

Attention: bookworms

By DEAN MICHEL
Staff Writer

Bookworms, prepare yourselves for a feast.

The Welland branch of the Canadian Federation of University Women holds its 27th annual book sale at the Niagara College Welland campus cafeteria on Nov. 5, 1995.



Shirley Skvorc, organizer of the event, says there is something for everyone at the event. "Our selection is from soup to nuts."

Skvorc says the prices, 50 cents for hardcover and $2 for paperback books, are especially attractive to students.

Proceeds from the sale allow the University Women's Club to provide seven annual university scholarships to female students in Welland, Port Colborne and Pelham.

"We raised somewhere in the neighborhood of $4,000 last year," says Skvorc.

The book sale starts at 9 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m.

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Dental student enjoying program

By NETHA NEVERSON
Staff Writer

From 1,500 applicants to the Dental Hygiene program, she was among the lucky 57.

Shelly Hammond, 19, a student of the one-year Dental Assistant program, said she had what it took to get in.

Lack of space and equipment limits Niagara College's student intake, said Hammond. "There are 27 kids in my class and there are only about 18 (dental) chairs." She said some of the classrooms are "claustrophobic."

The Dental Hygiene program will move into the college's Niagara-on-the-Lake campus. Hammond said she hopes the move will accommodate more students.

She said she is really enjoying the program. "I've learned a lot since I've been here. It's really interesting. This program gives you a lot of opportunity to work as a receptionist or a chair-side assistant. There are a lot of different jobs you can do."

'I've learned a lot since I've been here.'
—Hammond

Since the program is one year, it allows students to graduate and find a job more quickly. Tuition is $2,000 and books cost about $500.

Regionally-based dentists come in for laboratory supervision of students.

Hammond said "the most enjoyable part of the program will be when we start working with the public."

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300 college graduates honored

By MICHELLE LIZZOTTI
Staff Writer

More than 300 graduates were honored in the Niagara College fall convocation ceremony held in the auditorium of Centennial Secondary School in Welland on Oct. 19.

Many apprenticeship training programs, Continuing Education programs, as well as the Dental Assistant, Dental Hygiene and Dental Office Administration programs recognized their graduates in the ceremony.

"The purpose of a convocation ceremony is to observe the success of our graduates," said Niagara College President John Saso in his address to the graduates.

Dave Gibson, 43, a graduate of the Entrepreneurial program, gave the convocation address.

"As an entrepreneur you never know what to expect," said Gibson in his address. After losing three jobs, he entered the field of entrepreneurship. "I mortgaged my house and went into business for myself. It's good to be back in the driver's seat, so to speak."

Saso presented Gibson with the Niagara Award, an award that is given to "someone who has brought recognition and knowledge to the Niagara area," said Saso.

"He is a model of entrepreneurial spirit," said Saso.

The Governor General's Award, given to the student who graduates with the highest academic standing within his or her graduating class, was awarded to Shelley Ann Shain.

Dental Hygiene move still a go

By NETHA NEVERSON
Staff Writer

The Dental Hygiene program's move to the new Niagara-on-the-Lake campus is still a go, says the program co-ordinator Carole Ono.

Construction is to be completed by the fall of 1997, she says.

"Plans for the new campus were in the works before 1992, when the master plan was initiated." The plan outlines operational and facility changes to the year 2000.

Ono has been at Niagara for four years, having spent more than 30 years in the dental field. "Things never stay the same. They are always changing because in the health field, there's always new information."

Ono says the curriculum will stay the same, but the move will make it easier to schedule lab time. Study days won't be as long, she says.

Equipment will be a mix of old and new. Items too costly to fix will be left behind, says Ono.

The day program will be sharing facilities with the James Sims Dental Hygiene Continuing Education program.

Ono says she hopes more students will be accepted. "I don't know exactly how many we will be able to take in. Funding is going to make a difference."

French college makes connections

By JENNIFER BACON
Staff Writer

Le College des Grands Lacs President Marquis Bureau has cemented partnerships with three businesses, while strengthening ties with the French community in Welland, Ont.

At the official opening ceremonies of the new college, held Oct. 19, Bureau signed agreements with the Centre de formation pedagogique du Sud-Ouest (CFPSO), the Centre d'enseignants et d'enseignantes-Reseau unifie interactif et scolaire du Sud de l'Ontario (CEEC-RUISSO) and Glendon University College in Toronto.

"These new ventures will allow us to benefit from the use of new technologies in the fields of telecomunications and distance education. French speaking learners will be better served and will benefit from an increased range of services," said Bureau in a press release.

Le College des Grands Lacs's partnership with CFPSO (which comprises the eight French-language sections of school boards in southern Ontario) is geared to create a flexible program aimed at assisting teenagers, drop-outs and adults to acquire life skills.

The agreement made with CEEC-RUISSO covers five areas of concern. Programming, physical and technical resources, human resources, promotional activities and community development will be dealt with and upgraded.

Glendon University College, connected with York University, will assist Le College des Grands Lacs in providing the best access to quality French-language post-secondary education. Glendon will also allow students from Le College des Grands Lacs to use its library facilities.

All partnerships made at the opening ceremonies are strongly dedicated to the promotion of the French-language in southern Ontario.

"Last November, we created a new partnership with TFO, Ontario's French language educational broadcaster," said Bureau in a press release. "Today, these three new agreements confirm our commitment to invest in the potential of our community. We will continue in this direction as we establish a new and innovative partnership during the next few months."

Federal job applications being accepted

By STACEY SMITH
Staff Writer

Start looking for a summer job now!

On Nov. 1, the Federal Summer Student Employment Program (FSSEP) offered Canadian students the chance to apply for federal public service jobs.

Students complete one application form to have fair and equal access to more than 10,000 jobs with the federal government in 1996.

Federal summer jobs are accessible to Canadian students who are studying full time, and who will be continuing full-time studies next fall.

The types of jobs available range from computer science, geology, customs officer, to a summer program in Vimy, France. There are many other options.

Completed application forms are registered in a national computerized inventory. Federal department managers indicate to the Public Service Commission of Canada (PSC), the number of students they want to hire and the qualifications required.

The PSC refers qualified students from the national inventory to departments for consideration. Departments, not the PSC, hire.

There are certain deadlines for specific programs, but there is no deadline for applying to the general inventory. Applications may be picked up at the Employment Services office in Simcoe 101.

OSAP procedure relaxing

By MARK FERENCE
Staff Writer

Niagara College students applying in January for Ontario Student Assistance Program should notice a change in how business is done at Hennepin Hall.

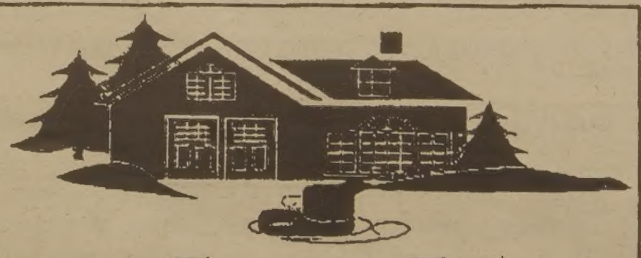
After "an unsuccessful attempt to speed things up" by handing out appointment slips in advance, the procedure will revert to how it was handled in September 1994. Appointment slips were handed out daily to students waiting in line.

The situation should be less confusing for students, says Elaine Grandmaison, the college's associate registrar.

"Customer service is very important and by handing out the slips to students in the line, things will be relaxing for both the student and the staff," she said.

Appointment slips will be distributed beginning Jan. 2, 1996. Students are urged to arrive early. The office opens at 8:30 a.m.

"It's important that students know how things will work this time. It makes things run more efficiently," said Grandmaison.



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A more robust coffee offered at CHAT

New St. Catharines coffee shop features in-house roasting

By WILL WEBSTER
Staff Writer

"I never knew coffee tasted like this."

"Wicked coffee."

These are common comments at Niagara Region's only in-house coffee roasting establishment, CHAT.

Opened in mid-August CHAT, owned and operated by 25-year-old Jeff Loucks, has a reputation as the place to go if you are looking for good quality coffee.

Loucks, a trained brewmaster and chef, spent two years travelling the world studying coffee — how it was grown, roasted and served. Laid off from his last job, he wanted to find a source of revenue to provide for his future and allow him to craft his own product. He found it in coffee.

'It's amazing the change between a green bean and the flavor that comes out when you have a roasted bean.'
—Jeff Loucks

"I wanted to take something where I could craft a raw material into a product people really could appreciate and people could hold in their hand and say yes, this is something craft produced, is excellent quality, and has that dedication it takes to make a fine product," said Loucks. "That's what I'd excelled at in the past, and it is what I was looking for."

Loucks imports 15 different types of beans from around the world and roasts it in his shop on the corner of Bond and St. Paul Streets in St. Catharines. He specializes in Arabica beans, which he said have a better flavor than the more common Robustus bean.

"We have a lot of very good wine, a lot of very good beer and a lot of very good food in Niagara," said Loucks. "But one thing we enjoy everyday, but enjoy a very low quality of, is coffee. That's how I decided to get into coffee."

In his two years of research Loucks came to some conclusions about roasting. Most commercial beans, he said, are roasted to what is known as the "first crack." This allows for the bean to have the darkness of a cooked bean while maintaining a greater weight, which translates to greater profits.

Loucks roasts his beans to three levels, just prior to the "second crack," which he calls the "Niagara Roast," and just after the second crack, which he calls the "Seattle Roast" (Seattle is now the major coffee importer on the continent), and the Espresso Roast.

"Roasting is a miracle that happens, the chemical changes that go on in a bean," said Loucks. "It's amazing the change between a green bean and the flavor that comes out when you have a roasted bean."

First crack coffees are closer to what people in this area are accustomed to, a milder, more chocolate flavored brew. Second crack coffees are darker and more richly flavored. Coffees roasted beyond the second crack are used for espresso.

"You don't want to roast your coffee too too dark," said Loucks, "because then you start getting a lot of smoky and burnt flavors."

Loucks is particular about the coffee he imports and every bean is subjected to his own test. He watches for the number of defects in a bean, the size and other flaws. When he finds a bean relatively free of defects, and of a good size, he subjects it to the roasting and tasting process. Loucks will not purchase a bean not meeting all his requirements.

"There is a lot to learn about coffee," said Loucks. "Coffee is not a product that you just run out and start up and figure you're going to make a high quality product. It took me two years of dedicated research, not only into the concept of how I was going to do it, but also a lot of bookwork on what goes into coffee roasting, what goes into making and selecting high grade beans, and the rest of it."

In addition to coffee, Loucks is importing teas. He applies the same strict quality requirements to these as he does to the coffee.

Along with the roasting operation CHAT features a 75-seat cafe with an outdoor patio doubling as a smoking area.

The cafe has already earned itself a strong clientele and is open from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. It features the usual light and dark coffees, espresso, cappuccino, teas, fruit juices and baked goods.

'Roasting is a miracle that happens.

Pictured is Jeff Loucks, owner of CHAT. His roasting process is listed below.
1. Loucks weighs out about 11.25 kilograms of green beans.
2. Preheats roaster to 400 degrees.
3. Adds beans (roaster falls to about 100 degrees).
4. Bean begins to change color, first turning yellow.
5. Eight to 10 minutes later the bean begins to lose its skin (chaff).
6. Bean becomes a cinnamon color.
7. Bean begins first crack. Crackling sounds can be heard from the roaster. It expands and loses 30 to 40 per cent of its size. Most commercial roasts are complete at this point.
8. Second crack (Niagara Roast). Loucks said most people in Niagara prefer their coffee roasted to just before or at the second crack.
9. Seattle roast. Bean is dark in color.
10. Espresso roast. Beans are almost black in color. Very spicy.
11. Beans are released in a cloud of steam to a vat where they are turned and cooled.
12. Bean is packaged in paper bags.

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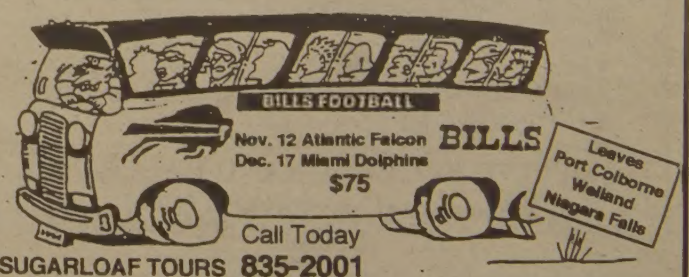


SPORTS

Rookie coach for all-rookie team

Cudmore is missed as a player, "and is respected as a coach," said Sarkis

By JENNIFER DICKENS
Staff Writer

Niagara College's 1995-96 men's varsity volleyball team not only has an all-rookie team, but a rookie coach as well.

Blair Cudmore, last year's most valuable player, Ontario Colleges Athletic Association all-star and all-Canadian, is the rookie coach.

Ray Sarkis, the college's varsity and recreation athletic assistant, has stepped down as head coach to be Cudmore's assistant.

Cudmore is missed as a player, said Sarkis, adding, "Blair cannot be replaced."

"With Blair's stature and smarts, he is respected as a coach," said Sarkis. "We are pleased to have him."

This year's home opener was "a little bit of a disappointment" as the team lost the game in the last set. The first league game against Georgian College showed set scores of 13-15, 15-5, 15-6, 12-15 and 16-14.

The Knights have outstanding talent and a lot of potential, but because of a case of the "jitters" the team had its first upset, said Sarkis.

A total of 56 kills for Niagara versus 23 for Georgian came from co-captain Pat Deschambeaul with 20, Paul Clark with 12, Warren Belle with 10, Alex Saddler with nine and captain Chris Wiersma with five.

Sarkis said this year's team will more than likely end up placing in the top three for the western division. He added the east this year has "extremely strong" teams.

"David Rode and Stacey Key are running the offence excellently, both being strong setters," he said.

"There is always room for improvement, not that we need much," said Sarkis.

The next Niagara game is in Belleville tomorrow at the Loyalist College Invitational Tournament.

Despite a great effort, the Knights came up short in their season opener against Georgian College.

Photo by Salvador Ramos Jr.

Niagara women take second

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

Niagara College women's basketball team lost by one game in the first tournament ever hosted by the college.

Three Canadian and two American schools participated in the Oct. 20 and 21 in the tournament.

Oshawa's Durham College captured first place in a three-game sweep. They defeated Niagara Community College (NCC) from Niagara Falls, N.Y., 55-32, Redeemer College from Ancaster, Ont., 68-14 and D'Youville College from Buffalo, 43-24.

Mike Duggan, coach of Durham College, said he was happy to win the tournament. The last game against D'Youville was "very sloppy, but a win is a win, and I'm really proud of them (the team)."

Niagara took second place with two wins and one loss.

Niagara coach Brian Bleich said he was "pretty happy" with the way they played their first game. "They weren't as nervous as I thought they would be," he said, adding he was happy with the 60-43 win against Redeemer College.

The Knights dropped their second game to D'Youville Community College 55-50.

Bleich said foul shots got the Americans back in the game. "We have a lot of work ahead of us."

In the third contest against Mohawk College, of Hamilton, Niagara won 52-36.

Bleich said it was a better effort.

The women's team finished the tournament with 162 points for and 134 points against.

NCC finished in third place with two wins and one loss. They defeated Mohawk College 51-41 and Redeemer 65-53. The only loss came to Durham 55-32.

D'Youville was fourth with one win and two losses. They defeated Niagara 55-50, but lost to Mohawk and Durham 54-51 and 43-24.

Mohawk was fifth with one win and two losses. They lost to NCC 51-41 and Niagara 52-36, but defeated D'Youville 54-51.

In last place was Redeemer with three losses to Niagara, Durham and NCC.

Tournament organizer Ray Sarkis, a member of Niagara's athletic department, said "it was nice to see people out watching the games," adding they expect to "triple" spectator attendance at regular season games this year.

The tournament is tipped off with a second-place finish to Durham College.

Photo by Salvador Ramos Jr.

B-ball team loses in tournament

By BRIAN BOWMAN
Staff Writer

Niagara College's men's basketball team is hoping to rebound from a disappointing season a year ago.

Niagara may have found its answer with six-foot-six rookie forward Keith Tenney.

Tenney provided the Knights with strength underneath the basket, leading Niagara to a 2-1 record in the Sheridan College Tournament in Oakville last weekend.

"Tenney gives us size underneath," said head coach Randy Conlon. "Teams weren't getting second or third shots. Last year we had trouble rebounding — it was a weakness of ours."

Tenney's rebounding helped Niagara get the ball upcourt to their offensive forwards, Derek Flindall and Adriaan Knaap.

Knaap led the team offensively in a 93-91 victory over Scarborough's Centennial College in the team's first game. Knaap, who averaged 13 points last season, had a career game with 30 points. Flindall, Niagara's second-leading scorer from last year, added 20 points.

Niagara was forced to start the second game of the tournament without Knaap, the team's leading scorer. He missed the game's first 10 minutes because of a four-stitch cut received in game one.

Niagara lost 77-72 to Seneca College of North York. Niagara's all-star guard Mike Hurley was top scorer with 17 points.

Niagara won the third game, a 87-75 thumping of Champlain College of Quebec. Knaap again led Niagara with 20 points.

The Knights were eliminated from the tournament because of a point differential. Niagara would have advanced to the final with a 34-point win over Champlain.

"We played really well against Champlain," said Conlon. "I was generally pleased with our play in the tournament."

Niagara opened its exhibition season splitting a pair of games in the Durham College Tournament played in Oshawa.

Rookie Mike Harris, a six-foot-four native of Niagara Falls, led the Knights with 17 points in a 111-70 win over Loyalist College of Belleville. Hurley added 14 points.

Niagara was eliminated from the tournament by Durham College Lords in the team's second game. The Lords were led by former Cuban national team player — Augusto Duquesne — who scored 41 points.

Hurley replied with 22 points, while six-foot-five Knaap added 20 points in the losing game.

Teacher shows interest in Quebec

By JOHN EATON
Staff Writer

Like many Canadians, Niagara College's athletic co-ordinator has mixed emotions about this week's referendum vote in Quebec.

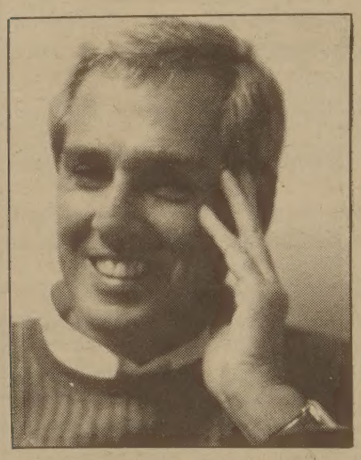
Peter Rylander was born in Montreal and taught mathematics and physical education at a Quebec high school before moving to teach high school in Vancouver, B.C.

"I find it very difficult. I just can't comprehend why anyone would want to leave Canada."

Having lived in Quebec for 30 years, Rylander says few of the English-speaking Quebecers want to leave Canada.

Of the six million French-speaking Quebecers, about half of them are sovereignists who want to separate from Canada, he says. "When you look at the other side of the coin, perhaps 40 per cent of Quebecers are federalists," he says.

"Yeah, I find it difficult. I still have a brother and his wife in Montreal. They are finding it more difficult than I am. For people who voted for federalism, it doesn't sound like they're going to have much of a choice after this is over. I don't know what their choices will be. Would you want to stay in a new country?" he asks.



PETER RYLANDER

Rylander says he doesn't think Quebec will separate, but is "terrified if they do."

His parents were born in the United States. Rylander earned his master's degree from the University of Oregon in Eugene, Ore.

"I've been here 27 years, so it obviously means I'm satisfied with my job."

As athletic co-ordinator, Rylander says he is "responsible for intercollegiate and intermural athletics and recreational aspects of student life." He teaches physical education 11 hours a week.

"I've always enjoyed working with people, particularly young people," he said, when asked if he always wanted to teach. "The hardest, but most rewarding part of my job is adjusting to change ... adjusting to new students every year," he says. "Sometimes you feel like you're reinventing the wheel every September or October."

However, he says, he realizes "students need all the guidance, help and expertise you can give them. I was the same way when I went to university."

When he retires, Rylander says he wants students to remember him "as a nice guy who helped them along the way."

He says teaching is different than coaching. "You have to teach athletes discipline. You also teach them to hopefully respect themselves to be a good person, and teach them to do the best they can."

When not teaching or coaching, Rylander spends time biking with his wife along the Niagara River. He also enjoys a variety of sports. "In the spring and summer I play slo-pitch and I get as much golf in as I can, usually twice a week," he says.

Rylander says he enjoys reading. "I like to read, I probably read 25 or 30 novels a year. I like action novels and spy things and stuff like that," says Rylander, who lists Tom Clancy, W.B. Griffen and Ken Follett as his favorite authors.

Niagara College Knights get pumped for their game against Georgian College.
Photo by Salvador Ramos Jr.

New coach for volleyball

By JOHN EATON
Staff Writer

Niagara College's women's volleyball team faces Waterdown Raiders in a home exhibition game on Nov. 9.

Niagara begins regular season play at home against Ancaster's Redeemer College on Nov. 10.

This year's team features two returning players, team captain Laura Chatterton, 20, Human Relations program and Jen Macmillan, 22, Recreation Leadership program.

First-year coach Carolyn Schatz leads the coaching staff. Her assistant is Drew Clemens. Team manager is Gaylene Brisbois.

Gleddie has 'fun' in duathalon run

By JOHN EATON
Staff Writer

Martha Gleddie, Niagara College's Special Events co-ordinator, participated in a special event of her own when she competed in the President's Choice Duathalon.

The duathalon requires participants to run 4 km and then bike for 27 km and run a final 4 km to the finish line.

Races started in March and take place throughout Ontario, including Toronto, Guelph, Oakville, Grimsby, Orillia, Kingston and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

This particular race was in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Sept. 23 and was the 13th race this year.

The races are organized by Tri-Sports Promotions in Grimsby.

Gleddie, 39, started competing when she was 35. This year, she finished 18th out of 24 competitors in the 35-to-39 age category, achieving her personal best time of one hour and 38 minutes.

She finished 15 minutes behind the leader in her category "which is good because in years past, I've really held out for the last person so I did better this year," said Gleddie.

Gleddie ran the race this year without knowing until the night before that the course had been changed.

"It turned out to be a much better route," said Gleddie, who had to make sure she knew the changes before running the race.

Martha Gleddie participated in the President's Choice Duathalon Sept. 23.
Photo by John Eaton

Gleddie, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, has been the college's Special Events co-ordinator for a year and a half. She has a training regiment six days a week and alternates running, biking and weightlifting.

Her husband John, who works in St. Catharines as a chiropractor and sports consultant, keeps her "motivated," said Gleddie.

The couple's two daughters, Sarah, 12, and Heather, 8, helped out on the day of the event by handing out water and helping the participants register.

Gleddie said she enjoys doing needlepoint, reading, listening to music and volunteering at Linhaven, a home for the elderly in St. Catharines.

Lyndon Johnston, SAC's vice-president of athletic affairs, shows off tickets
Photo by Jason Chase

Bills will be looking for revenge

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

If you want to see the clash of two National Football League teams, Student Administrative Council (SAC) has a seat for you.

The Buffalo Bills will play host to quarterback Drew Bledsoe and the New England Patriots on Sunday, Nov. 26. This is a rematch of their earlier meeting this year which the Bills lost 27-14.

"The Patriots are great. The Bills will want revenge and it should be a hell of a game," said Lyndon Johnston, SAC's vice-president of athletic affairs.

Tickets are available at the SAC office for $40. The cost includes ticket, transportation to and from Buffalo, N.Y., and a tailgate party. SAC will supply hamburgers, hot dogs and pop at the tailgate party.

A bus will depart from behind After Hours on Nov. 26 at 8:30 a.m. Kickoff time is at 1 p.m. Don't forget to bring proof of your Canadian citizenship, such as your birth certificate or passport.

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Students get break

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

The Niagara Falls Thunder hockey team is giving college and university students a $4 break.

"It's a college and university night for students," said Don Marinucci, sales and marketing representative for the Thunder.

The Thunder will play host to the Owen Sound Platers at the Niagara Falls Memorial Arena on Tuesday, Nov.14. Tickets for the game are $5, a savings of $4 off regular-priced adult admission.

"The Thunder play a wide-open style. We have our crashers and bangers and it's good hockey," said Marinuuci.

Lyndon Johnston, Student Administrative Council's vice-president of athletic affairs, says, "One reason to go to the game is you might see the next Gretzky. It's a good event for students who are interested in non-alcoholic events."

Marinucci said, "It's a fast game and we have some pretty good players who have been drafted by teams in the National Hockey League."

Tickets can be picked up at the Welland campus SAC office next to After Hours until Nov. 12.

"It's a cheap way out for entertainment," said Johnston.

The Thunder are ranked 11th in the nation's Top-20 list, one spot out of the Canadian Hockey League's Top-10 ranking.

First-aid kit essential

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

A baseball in the eye socket, a hockey puck in the mouth — sports first-aid is what you need- as a player or spectator.

"The new sports first-aid kit is an invaluable addition to any sports group," said Virgina Davies, training co-ordinator for the Welland branch of the St. John Ambulance.

The kit sells for $48 and comes in a padded red fabric zippered case, which flip open on two sides to reveal fully illustrated pouches outlining the contents and instructions for use.

"Definitely worth the $48, the cost of the kit is actually $80," said Davies.

A waterproof foil rescue blanket, two cold packs, rescue face shield and a pocket guide to emergency first aid are found in the kit. It also comes with cleaning wipes and bandages.

"Anybody with common sense could use the kit to administer basic first aid. It's recommended though you do get training in first aid procedure," said Davies.

"The kit seems like it will be very popular. A lot of the ones I have are spoken for, so I'll have to order more," said Davies.

Kits can be ordered through the Welland branch office of St. John Ambulance, 70 Elmwood Ave. or call (905)735-6431.

To be more prepared for an emergency, you could book courses in first aid, health care and babysitting at the Welland branch office for a reasonable price.

Bowling for dollars

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

Second-year Tourism-Tourist and Attraction students and the Niagara Falls Thunder are looking to go bowling for dollars.

"It's going to be a fun time. It's not only for members of the college it is open to anybody from the community," said Christine Chuck, a member of the committee organizing the event.

Teams will include five players and a Thunder team member. Cost for each team member is $10. The Bowlathon will be held on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 1 p.m. at the Cataract Bowl on Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls.

"The more people the better. The whole Thunder team will be involved and coaches," said Chuck. "We are trying to get trophies for winners and there will be an award for the person who bowls a certain average that is determined before the event."

There will be 30 lanes and organizers are looking for 30 teams.

Autographed hockey sticks will be given away and raffles for prizes will be held.

"There will also be teams awards and individual awards given out," said Don Marnucci, marketing and sales representative for the Niagara Falls Thunder.

To register a team contact Christine Chuck or Emma Pearce at the Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls or Lyndon Johnston, vice-president athletics, at Student Administrative Council office in Welland. Payment is due upon registration. Registration deadline is Nov. 24.

"It's going to be an afternoon of fun," said Marnucci.

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- Team and individual awards
- 5 Team members plus a Thunder Hockey Player

Cost: $10.00 per person

To register team contact Christine or Emma- Tourism/Tourism & Attractions, Hospitality Center, Lyndon Johnston, Student Council, Woodlawn Campus or Don at the Niagara Falls Thunder office (905)374-8100.

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